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Miſs. House Boston

Rev. H. H. Spalding Nov. 15. 1850.

Calapooya. O. T.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of Aug. 31st. mentioning your appointment to the office of Indian Agent, has reached me this morning. It is truly a wonderful interposition of providence. I could not, in the circumstances of the case, advise you to decline. It will certainly give you an opportunity to secure the property of the Board, to much better advantage - & it may lead to the reestablishment of our Missions in that country - a thing, as it seems to me, greatly to be desired. It may be that the Lord intends to defeat the machinations of "the man of sin" in that Territory.

I know not how it is that our letters do not reach you. I believe that all of yours & Mr. Eells & Mr. Walker's have reached us. I have answered them - have written again & again, but they seem not to have found you. We have no difficulty in sending letters to any other part of the world, savage or civilized. I do not, however, despair. Possibly, by this time, you have received at least a part of them. Since Mr. Treat went to Europe about the middle of May last, I have endeavored to give prompt attention to the business connected with our Oregon Missions, as fast as it has come before me. Why you have not received my communications, is yet a mystery. I will not repeat what I have written, until I am certain that the letters are lost.

I am glad you are postmaster & tho' I suppose if you accept your appointment as Indian Agent, you will lose the office of Postmaster.

We look for Mr. Treat's return about the last of the present month. We hope his health will be benefitted by the tour, but we have some fears. Dr. Anderson Mr. Hill & the rest of us are in usual health.

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomeroy

Sec. A. B. C. F. Missions

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 19. 1850

To the Ojibwa Mission

Dear Brethren.

I send herewith a letter which will inform you of my safe return to the labors of the Miss. House. Last Tuesday I laid the estimates for the station at La Pointe before the Prud. Com. & they were approved, the sum appropriated being $1225. Should the Indians be removed, & any additional sums be needed, the matter can come up on a special application for further aid. No appropriation has been made for Bad River, owing to Mr Wheeler's absence from that station.

You will keep me fully informed, I trust, of all that takes place which bears upon the prosperity of your mission, & the general interests of the Ojibwas. I would write more at length, but I am much hurried at the present time.

Kind regards, to all in connection with you. And believe me,

Very sincerely &
affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 23. 1850.

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren

1. At the last meeting of the Prud. Comee I brought forward your estimates, & had the appropriations made for 1851. The result is as follows: The estimates for Dwight, $2195, (in case the boarding school continues in its present shape;) for Fairfield, $800; for Park Hill, $2185, including arrearages for the last year; for Lees Creek, $1050, are approved, & these sums are duly appropriated for the stations respectively. No estimate was forwarded for Honey Creek. If it was an oversight, (as I suppose it was,) $450 can be applied to the support of Mr. Huss, the Com. having authorized me to say this to the mission. In accordance with the vote of the mission, $10 have been appropriated for Spencers.

2. From a letter of Mr. Worcester I learn that the estimate for his station was increased on account of arrearages. We take no exception to this form of the question, (tho contrary to our principles,) as it might occasion some embarrassment. But *in* future, we wish arrearages, if any, to be provided for by special appropriations. Our practice is this: If a missionary finds that his appropriation is inadequate, he reports the fact to the Secy, & requests relief, having obtained the sanction of the mission therefor, if *feasible*. The Com. then grant an extra allowance, if they see cause. This mode keeps the *ordinary* estimates & appropriations unembarrassed.

Nor we do not know what sum was requested for the expenses of Park Hill during 1851; nor do we know what we have granted.

3. It is scarcely necessary that I allude to the subject of economy. We are deeply in debt, & I do not know but we shall be for some time to come. We would not have you curtail any needful expenditure; but we trust you will make your demands upon the treasury as light as shall be consistent with the interests of the mission. The estimates of other missionaries have been very considerably reduced.

4. In regard to the continuance of the boarding school at Dwight, I have nothing to communicate. Mr. J. K. Kreaster has made diligent inquiry for a steward, but without success. I have not received any communication from Miss Giddings, touching her plans or wishes. Should she choose to leave next year, I presume a teacher can be sent to take her place.

5. I hope to be able to send out teachers to Park Hill & Lees Creek at no distant day. I know of no immediate opportunity; but I shall try to avail myself of the first that offers. I am looking for the proper persons for this kind of work, & think I shall find those who will meet the wants of the station.

I remain, as ever,

Very sincerely

Yours,

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston
Dec. 23. 1850

Rev. Kellogg Day
Denmark, Iowa

Dear Brother

Your letter of Nov. 1 I found at the Miss. House, awaiting my return from Europe. Your request was laid before the Com. last week; & a vote was passed in the usual form, releasing you & Mrs Day from your connection with the Board. You are at liberty, therefore, to consider your past relation to it, & to the Cherokee mission as terminated.

On taking leave of you, permit me to express my ardent wishes for your welfare, as also for your success in filling your lot in the Great West. I sincerely hope, moreover, that Mrs Days health will improve in your new situation, & may she enjoy the peace & joy which flow from habitual communion with ~~the~~ our Master. Accept also my best wishes for the prosperity & spiritual good of your children.

Very truly
Your brother in Christ
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston

Rev. W. Willey
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother

I send herewith two letters addressed to your mission which you will please to read & forward to the other members. On my return to the Miss. House I found two letters from yourself, the first dated May 22 & the last Oct 19. The intelligence conveyed in the latter took me entirely by surprise, & most sincerely do I sympathize with you in this hour of bereavement & trial. Tho' I have had some experience in "the vale of tears," having lost four children, I have been spared the pain & sorrow of following a beloved wife to the grave. I can easily place myself in your circumstances however, & enter into the emotions which spring up in your bosom, as you sit in your altered home, & think of the change which death has made. But God can more than make up to you the loss which you have sustained, if you seek his face by prayer & faith, he will do it. Go to him dear brother, in the name of our sympathizing High Priest, & ask for all that you need, not doubting his willingness to succor & bless you to the uttermost. Now may you look upward & onward to the rest which your dear departed wife has reached; & in the anticipation of the glory to be revealed find strength for every duty, & consolation for every trial.

Your letter of May 22 suggests several topics; but I am so hurried that I cannot discuss them as I wish.

1. You desire, speaking of the Boarding school at Dwight, that I wish to have your views on this question. Supposing that we shall not find a steward to take Mr Hitchcock's place, what is to be done? Miss Giddings, I hear, intends to leave in the spring; tho' she has not informed me of her purpose. Shall we try to get another young lady to fill her place, & continue the school on a reduced scale, making it a day school, with as many boarding pupils as can be conveniently accommodated? Or if this is not expedient, what shall we do? Shall we give up the school altogether? Will you let me hear from you soon on this subject? If a teacher is to be sent to Dwight, we should lose no time.

2. You allude to the subject of help. I do not fully understand what disposition is to be made of such missionaries as may be sent to join you. Unless I am much mistaken, the brethren have not forwarded me any plan of operations. In the present state of our missions generally, & of yours in particular, I should wish something more definite. Mr Ranney, it seems, does not find the ground so clear as he expected. Others complain of interference from other denominations. We have an abundance of fields which we can occupy alone. Of Mr. Gardner's recent movements I have not heard.

3. On the subject of slavery I presume we shall not trouble you any more at present. I hoped you would send a letter in a shape a little different; but we hope that all will be well. The political agitation has diverted attention from us for a time; how long we shall be undisturbed I know not.

Very affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 25, 1850

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St Francis, Canada East.

Dear Brother

I returned from Europe a few days ago, & read your letter of August 1, the only one which I found awaiting my arrival. On the 17th of Dec. I requested the Comee to appropriate $250 for your support, the same amount which we gave last year. The next day I received a letter from Rev. Mr. Richards, D.D., inclosing one from you, in relation to your debts & embarrassments. I was not before apprised of your circumstances; & I had hoped & supposed that you were able to live within the means which you derived from the Board, your farm, &c. The $250 which we now allow you, is in accordance with the recommendation of Messrs Parker & [illegible]; & considering the state of the mission the Comee have thought the sum as large as they ought to expend for the Abenaquis.

Still we are willing to aid you in the present emergency. Yesterday I took the advice of the Comee & they have authorized Mr. Hill to loan you $100, which you can draw immediately, in addition to your regular salary, which you will draw as heretofore, $250 being the year.

The Com.ee wish you to write me a full account of your pecuniary affairs. How much do you owe? And how does it happen that you are so much in debt? Why can you not live on $250, with your house, farm, stock, &c? Many ministers in New England are not so well off as you are? In short, I want you to write me all about the matter, so that we may understand the case fully. If you really ought to have more salary, the Com.ee I have no doubt, will grant it; But as we have only missionary money to expend, we must see that it goes only where it is needed.

If you could see Messrs Parker & Hunterleys & get their opinion as to what is best to be done, it might be well. But if this cannot be without great inconvenience, you may postpone the matter for the present.

Let me hear also about your work, your people, your prospects, &c.

Very sincerely,

Yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 25. 1850.

Rev. J. Potter,
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Brother,

My letters to your committee, & yours from there, will apprise you of my designation to the Miss. House. Your letters of July 9, Sept. 21, & Oct. 28. I have carefully read. As to the contents of the first, I need not say any thing, as the question of your location seems to be settled, I hope satisfactorily to all concerned. The second letter requires no special answer, save what will be hereafter stated. The matters set forth in the last of your communications I have laid before the Pru. Com.ee; & they have cheerfully granted you $100 to cancel the expected arrearages of 1850. This, as I understand the case, is all that you desire.

The estimates of your mission have been submitted to the Com.ee; & appropriations have been made accordingly. The sum asked for your station ($800) is allowed. This includes $200 for buying & fitting a new station. I regret that you should have found it necessary to perform so much manual labor; but this necessity, I hope, has passed away. The

importance of mastering the Seneca you under-
stand as well as I do; hence I will add
nothing on that point. Nothing in the history of
your early efforts where you now are, will give
me greater pleasure, than the announcement
that you can tell the Indians, in their own tongue
the wonderful things of the Gospel of Christ. I
have no fear, however, that you will omit to do
any thing that is proper to be done to secure this
object.

I should be glad to write more at length;
but I cannot just now. By reason of frequent
interruptions, it has taken a whole afternoon
to finish this report and letter. And so
a good deal of my time goes.

Present my kind regards to Mrs B.
& Miss Eastman, who I suppose is still with
you.

Very sincerely
your brother in
the Lord
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 26. 1850

To the New York Indian Mission (Board) Committee

Dear Brethren.

The minutes of your meetings held in July & September last, I have carefully read, & I have been much interested in your various plans for the improvement of the people among whom you dwell. There are some topics suggested in your proceedings of July which I should like to discuss, but I have not time. In relation to the minutes of the Sept. meeting I will say.

1. The estimates for the ordinary expenses of the different stations are approved, & the appropriations have been made by the Com. accordingly, viz. Lower Cattaraugus $900; upper Cattaraugus, $1325; Allegheny, Mr Hall, $1050, & Mr Potter $300; Tuscarora, $625.

2. The estimates for the Allegheny Board. School are also approved, & the appropriations made in accordance therewith, viz $1075. The total, I believe, is $5605. I need not say to you, dear brethren, that we wish you to do all things in the spirit of a fitting economy. We do not succeed in raising our receipts as we desire, & the calls upon us are very many & very urgent.

3. I am pleased with the plan which you have formed in regard to the press. From the facts stated in Br. Bliss [illegible] to the minute of Sept. 7, I

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this sort of letter to pass out of the hands of the Bishop. It would probably relieve him from considering the case officially. We are in favor of getting printing done off from the Mission premises unless there are special reasons for a contrary course [illegible]

Yours, as ever, in
[illegible]
[illegible] Lord
S. B. Treat.

into my hands on my return [illegible] House; I am sorry that an answer has not been sent before this time. [illegible] hope prompt attention will be given to all matters of business that come from your mission. My letters [illegible] in cases belonging to my department which could be deferred till my return. [illegible] absence, [illegible] my [illegible] engaged [illegible] the duties of the Miss. House, I need not write [illegible] you will see my letter to the mission on that subject.

My chief object in addressing you at this time is to say that the estimates for your station have been approved by the Com. $1000 for [illegible] & $1075 for the boarding school. [illegible] liberty, therefore, to go forward [illegible] proposed plans.

I am sorry that I cannot write to you more at length but the truth is, that I have found not a little difficulty in writing

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 26. 1850

Rev. Wm. Hall
N. Y. Ind. Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of Sept. 14 came into my hands on my return to the Miss. House; & I am sorry that an answer had not been sent before this time. Hereafter I hope prompt attention will be given to all matters of business that come from your mission. My brethren were unwilling to act in cases belonging to my department which could be deferred till my return. Of my absence, as also my renewed engagements in the duties of the Miss. House, I need not write; you will see my letters to the mission on that subject.

My chief object in addressing you at this time is to say, that the estimates for your station have been approved by the Comm.: $1060 for your family & $1075 for the boarding school. You will feel at liberty, therefore, to go forward, & carry out your proposed plans.

I am sorry that I cannot write to you more at length; but the truth is, that I have found not a little difficulty in writing the above estimates. [illegible], Messrs. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible], but I write [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Kind regards to Mr. Hall and to your [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

Most affectionately

Dear Brother

Yours

I send herewith the [illegible] S. B. Treat [illegible] your mission which you will please read & forward to the other members of your body. You will see that the estimates for your station are approved, as also your plans in regard to the press.

Please to say to Bro. [illegible] that I have his letter of Oct 3 before me, for which I am much obliged. That is nothing therein seeming to demand a specific notice, I must ask him to excuse me from a separate letter. I hope he will continue to keep me well informed of what is doing in his field. What are the chiefs proposing to undertake?

Of your plans & labors I know nothing except what is inferable from the minutes of the mission. May I hear from you on this subject? Have the Bible Soc. made any grants for printing the Scriptures in [illegible]? And what are the [illegible] doing in these days? How is the new Govt getting along?

Kind regards to the [illegible]

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 26 1850

Rev A. Wright
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Brother

I send herewith two letters to your mission which you will please to read & forward to the other members of your body. You will see that the estimates for your station are approved, as also your plan in regard to the press.

Please to say to Bro. Bliss that I have his letter of Oct 3 before me, for which I am much obliged. But as nothing therein seems to demand a specific notice, I must ask him to excuse me from a separate letter. I hope he will continue to keep me well informed of what is doing in his field. What are the chiefs proposing to undertake?

Of your plans & labors I know nothing except what is inferrible from the minutes of the mission. May I hear from you on this subject? Have the Bible Soc. made any grants for printing the Scriptures in Seneca? And what are the pagan Indians doing in these days? How is the new Govt. getting along?

Kind regards to Mrs Wright.

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 26 1850

Rev G. Rockwood
N. Y. Indians

Dear Brother

I have sent two letters to Bro. Wright, addressed to the mission, which I presume you will see in due time. On the topics therein discussed I need not now dwell. You will wish to be informed in regard to some matters which concern yourself individually.

1. The estimates for your station have been approved, & $625 have been appropriated for your station. This was the sum put down in the minutes.

2. The Comee have made a special appropriation of $200 (additional to what they have already granted) for what you propose to do next spring. This, as I understand, is all that will be necessary, except such aid as the Indians will furnish.

3. What has been done by your people towards defraying a part of the expenses of supporting the gospel among them? Mr Bliss has given me an account of an effort made last fall to enlist them in this work; but it does not seem to

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have amounted to much. Other things else been accomplished, or ~~[illegible]~~ contemplated. I do not feel satisfied with the aspect of things as reported in his letter. Please to give me all the light you can.

I have received a letter from Miss Thayer which I hope to answer by [illegible]. At present I cannot command the requisite leisure. My kind regards to her; also to my brethren.

Yours truly &
fraternally
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston

Dear Brother

I have received [illegible] letters [illegible] to your [illegible] which you [illegible] already [illegible] you will soon see them. Hence I need not enter into any matters therein presented or discussed. On my return I found several letters from you, for which I am much obliged, viz. of April 19, June 15, July 16, Sept 17 & 25, Nov 11 & 12. There are some topics brought to my notice that have a special reply, & I should be glad to write at some length; but my engagements constrain me to be brief.

1. The estimates for [illegible] these have been approved as they came from the mission; & the appropriations are made accordingly. Your letter of Sept 25 gave rise to a remark which you will see in one of my letters to the brethren, viz. that in case of arrearages, there should be a special appropriation. Your orderly mind & habits will appreciate the rule at once. I find no fault with what was done at the annual meeting; but only suggest "a more excellent way." The Com. allowed Mr. Bowman to be large, but I have confidence in you & the brethren, that all is wisely managed. I hope the succession of defaulting treasurers is not to be as uninterrupted as that of Bishops constituted (as is claimed) after the [illegible] pattern. Nolo episcopari.

[illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 28. 1850

Rev. S. A. Worcester
Park Hill.

Dear Brother

I have recently sent to Dwight two letters, addressed to your mission, which you may have already seen; & if not you will soon see them. Hence I need not enter into any matters therein presented or discussed. On my return I found several letters from you, for which I am much obliged; viz. April 19, June 15, July 10, Sept 17 & 25, Nov 11 & 12. There are some topics brought to my notice therein which should have a special reply; & I should be glad to write at some length; but my engagements constrain me to be brief.

1. The estimates for Park Hill. These have been approved as they came from the mission; & the appropriations are made accordingly. Your letter of Sept 25 gave rise to a remark which you will see in one of my letters to the mission, viz. that in case of arrearages, there should be a special appropriation. Your orderly mind & habits will appreciate the rule at once. I find no fault with what was done at the annual meeting; but only suggest "a more excellent way." The same allowed Mr. Foreman last year; but I have confidence in you & the brethren, that all is wisely managed. I hope the succession of defaulting treasurers is not to be ad infinitum, like that of Bishops constituted (as is claimed) after the [illegible] pattern. Nolo episcopari.

At the same time, we wish you to send your own con-

2. Dwight Boarding School. Your brother has probably no steward for Dwight, is pretty much discouraged "thorough" as the sailors say. I have received no communication from Miss Goldings, & know nothing of her intentions, except thro' others. I have written to Mr Willey, as you suggest, asking his views in relation to this difficult subject. I hope I shall get something definite; but I am not sure of it. If a teacher is merely wanted, to take one in Miss Goldings place, I presume she can be sent out by some good opportunity.

3. Teachers for Park Hill & Lees Creek. Since my return I have given some attention to this matter, & I have my eye on 2 or 3 persons who may receive an appointment. But I have no knowledge of any chance for them to get to your part of the world. Perhaps some way may be devised for them, when they shall have been appointed. Can you suggest any suitable & convenient mode of getting them to their destination.

4. Slavery. [illegible] to say any thing in relation to the doings of the mission on this subject. In my letter to Mr Willey I said a few words. I should have preferred something a little different from their letters; but I am disposed to make the best of the case, & I think we shall have no further trouble in the premises. We shall not trouble the brethren, perhaps, unless there shall be urgent reasons. At the north, infamous efforts are made to [illegible] hold on the Cherokees, & something is done in that line in these parts; but we suffer no special annoyance in this way. The political agitation serves as a sort of lightning-rod for us.

5. The Osages. Your letter of Nov 14. I have duly considered; & the contents were laid before the Com. We still wish you to make a visit to the former Osage missionaries, & such other persons & places, as you may think best, & get all the information you can.

At the same time, we wish you to consult your own convenience in this matter, as it is not specially urgent. One should it seem desirable to incur any extra expense, as for interpreting &c, do not hesitate on that account. I am disposed to act with a good deal of caution in such a case. We ought have some "light ahead", before we commence missionary operations among these Indians.

Of course you will learn & communicate all that you can. We wish information (1) on the supposed population of the Osages; (2) their condition; (3) their character; (4) the prospect they have of continuing where they are; (5) the efforts of other missions, particularly the Catholics; (6) the best plan of operations, especially in regard to schools, which the Govt will undertake; (7) the best place for a mission. Other topics will occur to you in the course of your inquiries.

Still another subject will interest you, I have no doubt; & that is, "who shall engage in this work, if it be undertaken?" Will or ought any of the former missionaries or assistant missionaries to enter the field again? Can they or you make any suggestions on this head?

It is possible I may go to Washington in a few days on *Indian* business; & I shall probably ask some questions in regard to this Osage affair; in that event I shall try to find out what the views wishes & plans of the Govt are. If I learn any thing which you should know, I will write to you. But if you desire to proceed on the journey, at an earlier day, do not wait.

Your Bro. Greene has been here today. The others are well, & the same here. Affectionate regards to Mrs R. & the children, also to Mr & Mrs Ferguson & the rest.
Yours &c S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston
Dec 20. 1850

To the Mahratta Mission

Dear Brethren.

I have waited for several days to write to you on certain items of business, which require a brief notice; but I have been [illegible] hitherto. Before the year closes, however, I must say a few words, tho I cannot dwell on [illegible] as I could desire.

1. The estimates. These have been approved by the Com.ee as they were made out by you at your Sept. meeting, including the $350 for boarding of [illegible] children (of which more hereafter.) Mr. Allen's [illegible] will be provided for during his absence by the Treasurer; & on his return [illegible] pro rata.

2. The Com. have made a special grant for printing the [illegible] prepared by Mr. Biggs, in accordance with the vote of the Mission, viz. 2/3 of the expense not exceeding $300. On this subject [illegible] write to Mr Biggs.

3. Support of the Pastors. [illegible] learn to [illegible] that moneys received from the Gov.t for [illegible] have been appropriated by them without the concurrence of the Com. [illegible] [illegible] provide for the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] that [illegible] the [illegible] of the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] in regard to [illegible] the [illegible] of the Cork

we make no objection to this particular act of the mission; indeed, the Com.ee sanction your application of the moneys in question in this case; but it is well to have a common understanding of the principles of the Board for the future.

4. Now in regard to the Boarding School system. You will find the Com.ee I think, ready to second your efforts in the line of boarding schools, on the plan you have adopted. They have appropriated the $350 which you asked with great cheerfulness; & I have no doubt they will give a like sum ($35) for any number of children that you may take into your families. As for myself, I regard this as the best plan, decidedly, in your present circumstances; & it may be the best for years to come.

5. Your communication on the subject of slavery has been received. I will say nothing in relation to it now, for want of time.

6. I have also received the 1st No. of the Dakota paper, and it was much welcome. Let me know how it is received, & what are its prospects from time to time.

7. I may go to Washington on Indian business in a few days. In that case I shall probably ask some questions in regard to the plans of the Govt touching the Upper Dakotas. If I learn anything of interest to you, I will communicate it.

8. I rejoice that you are giving yourselves to special prayer for the blessing of God on the poor Dakotas. May He hear & answer you, far beyond your desires. Be not discouraged by the dark and forbidding prospects of these & other Indians. Light may come, and apparently glorious; & tho' it should not come, as we wish, we may be sure that our Master approves all efforts to save the Red Man, if made in his fear. Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Dec. 30. 1850.

Rev. Thos. S. Williamson M.D.
Dakota Mission

Dear Brother

I send herewith two letters addressed to your mission, which you will please to read & forward to your brethren. From these you will learn most that you wish to know, as to the action of the Com^{ee} on matters relating to your operations. I am glad that we are able to meet your views on so many points.

In your letter of June 25 you speak of the benefits of a voyage or tour to your part of the world, in comparison with one to the Old World. I had myself thought of the course which you mention; but my physician recommended the other as being decidedly preferable; & the Com^{ee} wished me to go where I should have no business to attend to. For this reason they were averse to my going to Western Asia. The result has proved that I pursued the best plan, so far as I can judge. As I was when I left Boston, ordinary travelling was not the thing which I needed. I did not improve in health, apparently, till I tried the waters of Wiesbaden, in August. Thenceforward I became better.

Your communication in regard to the Dakota language I have read with interest, & I hope some use will be made of it. The proper place for it in the Ethnographical Soc. I think the Am. Oriental Soc. cannot devote their attention to the N. A. Indians particularly. I will see, however, what can be done with it to make it most available.

Your letter of Aug 25-30 was duly received. Affectionate regards to Mrs W. & your sister.

As ever, I remain
fraternally yours
S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House, Boston
Dec. 30. 1850

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Lac qui parle.

Dear Brother

I have sent to Rev. Williamson the letters which I have addressed to the missions & which you will receive in due time. These will inform you of the action of the Comm. on several points presented by the minutes of your proceedings at the Sept. meeting.

In regard to the Lexicon I will here say, that the Comm. authorize the appropriation of a sum not exceeding [illegible], provided [illegible] of the Smiths. Institute shall call for that amount. As to raising any part of the same necessary to print the work in these parts, I cannot speak with confidence. The Amer. Or. Soc. do not devote much attention to the N. A. Indians. Probably they would be glad to have it, with the Ethnographical Soc. I cannot [illegible]. There will certainly be no harm in your giving them, or any [illegible] they would [illegible] a [illegible] on the subject of Indian languages.

I learn from your [illegible] that you have passed a document in [illegible] [illegible] which the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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a very interesting subject, & I shall be glad to learn your views. If you can give them to me, without much trouble, I shall be greatly obliged to you.

I think it not unlikely that the Com. will send me to Washington next month, with special reference to the Sioux. If I go, I shall endeavor to gain some information in regard to their plans as affecting the Sioux Dakotas. It is desirable that we have a more definite knowledge of their intentions in relation to them before they undertake any thing.

Your plan of taking children to board, introducing them into your families, I like on many accounts; & I have no doubt the Com. will sustain you in it, so far as you wish. It is less expensive, less perplexing, & I think more hopeful than any other. I incline to think that any Cherokee boarding school will take the same direction. Boarding schools on the old plan are the worst things to manage in all our missions; & the fruit has not been such as was expected, especially among the Indians. Our Choctaw schools are doing well; but they are a somewhat peculiar people and even there the missionaries think they have a full share of the trials incident to the boarding school system. As for the boys, moreover, there is great difficulty in converting them into industrious & useful men.

Present my Christian salutations to Mrs Riggs & all your fellow laborers

Yours in the service
of our Common Master
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Dec. 30. 1850

Rev. Len. Wheeler
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Brother

I have laid the matter of a visit to Washington in behalf of the Ojibwas before our Com^ee^ & they have expressed the opinion that both of us (you & myself) should make the visit. Though it will be very inconvenient for me to go, I shall endeavor to leave in the course of a few days. When I can set out, I will let you know. I presume you will not wish to proceed till I can be ready to accompany you. Kind regards to Mrs Wheeler.

Very truly &
affectionately
yours

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
Jan. 8. 1858

Miss Eunice Starr
Norwich. Ct

Dear Madam

Your letter of Oct. 28 I found on my return from Europe; & I have been wishing for some time to find leisure to answer it. Your leaving the Choctaw mission in the circumstances has the approval of the Prud. Com. We regret the necessity which existed for this step, but we feel that it was of the Lord, & it becomes us all to acquiesce with cheerfulness. This, I trust, you are able to do. May the event be greatly sanctified to you.

Your letter of Jan. 1 has been duly received. I think the Com. will be willing to make an appropriation to you; but before bringing the matter before them, I should like to know what will be satisfactory to you. You say in your letter to Mr Pomeroy, If you should think proper to bear any part of my expenses, I should be glad to receive it. Will you have the goodness to specify what part of your expenses you would wish the Com. to defray? You may write to me with confidence; & I have no doubt that you will find the Com. ready to do any thing you may desire, if consistent with their rules.

If I receive your answer before next Tuesday, I will reply at once. After that I shall be absent a few days. two or [illegible]

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 8. 1851

Miss C. Dickinson,
Deerfield. Mass.

Your letter of Nov. 4. I found on my return from Europe. I was very sorry that it had become necessary for you to leave the Choctaw mission, & especially that the death of Mrs Bissell had laid this necessity upon you. I pray our heavenly Father to sanctify this trial to you, & thus bring you nearer to himself.

Your return to Deerfield, in the circumstances, the Prud. Com. cordially approve. We regret to lose your aid in the Choctaw mission; but we feel that you did right. As to refunding a part of your outfit, we neither ask nor desire it. In your circumstances we think ourselves justified in remitting what we might otherwise claim.

Is your return to the mission out of the question? I hope not. But if it is, it will be better for you to ask & receive a release from your connection with us. If it is uncertain at present, the matter can remain in its present shape.

My health is better than it was before I went to Europe, & I hope to be able to remain at my post.

Very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Jan. 9. 1851.

To the Dakota Mission.

Dear Brethren.

I received from Mr. Aiton, formerly of your mission, a letter a few days since, tendering his services to the Board as a laborer to be connected with your mission again. As his communication is very short, I will give the whole of it. "As a kind Providence has enabled me since my dismission from the Dakota mission, to do for a deserving & aged father what I desired, I now feel myself at liberty. Hence I now offer myself & wife to the American Board of Commiss. for Foreign Missions as missionaries to the Dakota mission."

When a question of this kind arises, we are accustomed to submit the matter to the mission & obtain their views. In this instance I will put two enquiries to you, which will elicit what the Prud. Com. wish to know. 1. In your circumstances, is it expedient for us to send another missionary to join you? I refer especially, of course, to the uncertainty that now exists in regard to the prospects of the Dakotas. 2. Is it desired by the mission that Mr. Aiton should join you again, supposing that you wish another missionary to be added to your number? I apprehend there is a peculiar pertinency in putting this enquiry in his case, as I am not quite sure what the feeling of the mission is in regard to him.

Fraternally yours — S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 9. 1851

Rev. T. S. Williamson. M.D.
Dakota Mission

Dear Brother

I send herewith a letter to the mission touching Mr. Aiton's case. I have an impression that there was a little friction between him & his brethren; and wish to learn just how you feel in regard to his joining you again. And I should like to know more about him generally. We feel very little acquainted with him, not having seen him; & his letters are very brief. My correspondence with him has given me very little knowledge of his character. I hope we shall have more light now.

Suppose he is not to go among the Dakotas, how would he do in the Choctaw mission? Could you commend him to those brethren, with confidence that he would "run well"? What is the precise position of his mind on the slavery question? And how does he regard the attitude of the missionaries among the Choctaws?

If there is any difficulty in getting a joint expression of opinion from your associates, perhaps you can settle the question by an interchange of notes. Let me know the result as soon as maybe.

Yours, very truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Jan 9. 1852

Rev. M. N. Adams,
Quincy, Illinois.

Dear Brother

On my return from Europe, I found your letter of Oct. 22; & I have since received your letter of Dec. 8. I am pained to hear that Mrs. Adams' health still continues feeble; but I hope a favorable change may take place hereafter. Our consolation is, that the Lord has done it, & for some good reason.

Your engaging to preach in the bounds of the Schuyler Presbytery for six months, seems to have been judicious, & has our approbation. As to your future course, it is difficult at this distance to give advice. You will do well, if you have special need of counsel, to ask the opinion of discreet ministers & laymen, especially from those who sympathize in the efforts made by the Board for the salvation of the heathen. I think it likely that medical men can say something definite in regard to Mrs. Adams' case within a few months, perhaps sooner. Should it be settled that she cannot have her health among the Dakotas, then it will be clearly your duty to seek a release from your connection with us, & go elsewhere, as the Lord may lead you. May he give you wisdom!

Please to express to Mrs. Adams my sympathy in her trials & believe me, as ever, very truly & affectionately yours,
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston,
Jan. 9. 1854

Miss M. J. F. Thayer
Pekin. N. Y.

Dear Madam

Your letter of Aug. 3. I find is unanswered; & I am sorry that I cannot throw more light upon some parts of it, now that I have undertaken to reply to it. I do not feel satisfied with the state of things among the Tuscaroras; but what to do, I know not. I have hoped & needed to visit the Station for some two years, but I have been let hitherto. The Com. have decided, in my absence, to continue the Station, & they have authorized a considerable extra expenditure; but I fear the Indians are not intending to do much to support the gospel among them. If so I shall be more discouraged than ever. What can be done?

In regard to schools I appreciate your feelings but I am not quite prepared to embark on the boarding school system. I am rather waiting to see what the State of New York will do. Such labors as yours do not yield the most present fruit; but if Providence has placed you in this position your acceptance with the Master does not depend upon your success. His smile can rest upon you just as sweetly as if every thing were prosperous & cheering.

As to your appointment, I believe you understand the reason of the delay. When I saw the motion in [illegible] they

they were in favor of it, provided your health were sufficient. Upon this point Mr. Wright was to obtain information, & report. This, I presume, he has not done. We expected to see you in Sept. 1849, in going to Oswego; but the meeting of the Board was transferred to Pittsfield. Hence the delay. How is your health now?

In reading your letter I have had a doubt whether you had better receive a formal appointment, for the reason that you can receive more for your labors in one case than the other. If not appointed, you can have the ordinary wages of a teacher; if appointed, we shall be obliged to put you upon the common basis of missionaries. In that case, however, you will have a claim upon the Board in the event of sickness, &c. as you will learn from our rules. The decision of this matter we leave entirely to yourself.

Should you prefer, on the whole, to be formally appointed, please to send us the opinion of some physician as to your health, at your convenience, & we will act without any further delay.

As you have many trials among the Tuscaroras, how should you like to go among the Choctaws or Cherokees? Would a warm climate suit you?

Fraternally & affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Jan 13. 1851

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Brother

As I hope to leave this city for Washington on Wednesday P.M. stopping in Connecticut one night, & spending the 2d night in New York or Newark, I expect to take the 9 A.M. cars from New York to Philadelphia Friday morning. If you wish you can wait till Thursday afternoon & leave Boston at 2 1/2 P.M. by rail, or later by one of the steam-boat lines, & reach New York in season to take the Friday 9 A.M. train for Philadelphia. If you take the 2 1/2 P.M. rail for New York, you will arrive there quite late, say 1/2 o'clock.

Will you have the goodness to call on my friend Hon. L. Child & say that perhaps he can give me 2 or 3 letters of introduction to men in Washington that may be of service. If he writes any, you can bring them with you, & hand them to me when we meet. If by any chance we should fail to go on together, inquire for me in Washington at the house of Rev. John C. Smith, where I will lodge.

Kind regards to Mrs. W.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Jan. 14. 1851.

Rev. L. H. Wheeler
Lowell. Mass.

Dear Brother

It is now two weeks since I wrote to you that the Comm. advised that we (you & myself) should go to Washington; & I was surprised by the receipt of yours of Jan 11. to learn that you have not heard from me. Yesterday I wrote to you again, saying that I expect to leave this week, & will be in the cars that go from New York to Philadelphia on Friday morning at 9 o'clock. You can leave here Thursday P.M. at 2½ o'clock & proceed by rail to New York the same evening, arriving late; or can go by one of the steam boat lines, & reach there early Friday morning. It will be well for us to go on together Friday.

Should we fail to meet this side of Washington, enquire for me at the house of Rev. John C. Smith.

I herewith send Mr Hill's check.

Very truly yours

S. B. Treat.

P.S. In my letter of yesterday I asked you to get 2 or 3 letters of introduction for me to gentlemen at Washington that may be of service there; particularly I should like one to Sec. Stuart.

Miss. House, Boston
Jan 14, 1851.

Miss Eunice Starr
Norwich, Ct.

Dear Madam

It gives me much pleasure to inform you that the Com. have very cheerfully directed the Treasurer to pay you the sum of $50 which you mention in your letter, towards the expenses incurred by you on your return from the Choctaw nation.

As I am soon to leave for Washington I am obliged to be brief. May a faithful God restore you to health, & employ you usefully & long in his service.

Affectionately &
sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

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Miss. Rooms Boston
Jan 27. 1851.

Rev. T. E. Ranney
Cherokee Mission

Dear Brother

You have already learned that I am once more at my post in the Miss. House, & that I am endeavoring to discharge the duties of my office in my poor way. Since my return from Europe, I have found my health slowly improving; & I hope to get forward in the way of amendment. I should have no solicitude on this point, for my own sake; but when I see how much is to be done, before the world shall be converted, I feel like crying mightily unto God for strength to do a little more before I die.

Your letter of June 12th which I found on my return, I have read with special interest & some degree of pain. Nothing is more unpleasant to me than these clashings of different Christian bodies in the missionary field. And I will add, that nothing discourages me so much in regard to our mission among the Cherokees. Some of the brethren write us & enlarge on, especially Mr Willey in particular; & at the same time there is much complaint, too well founded. I should add, that others are interfering with the work of our brethren. From no other mission do such complaints come. Though

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there is a little [illegible] already among the Colonists. there is far less, I presume, than with you. This being the case, the question is unavoidably forced upon us, "Is it best, in such circumstances, to aim at the formation of new stations?" As yet, I have formed no definite opinion touching this point; but I think the Com^ee will wish a pretty clear case to be made out before they will go much beyond their present outlay.

You will not infer, from what I have now written, that there is any want of sympathy at the Miss. House for such like [illegible]. I can enter most fully into these trials; & I feel that you have a special claim on us for a kind & prayerful fellow-feeling in these distressing circumstances. May God, in his infinite mercy give you grace to act meekly & wisely at all times, & under [illegible] the afflictions of "unavoidable [illegible]"!

I know not that any thing can be done to remedy the evil of which you speak. I learned [illegible] from a Sec. of the English Bible Soc. that [illegible] was not supposed to have become entitled to any handsome estate. If so, he will probably leave the field at no distant day. Should he not do so, or should other members of the mission [illegible] you [illegible] unreasonably & wrongfully, it may be well for the mission to take the matter up & investigate. If that fails, & the mission will give me a better view of [illegible], by the statement of [illegible] that will [illegible] the [illegible], I will seek an interview with the [illegible] who are [illegible] of their [illegible], & will say [illegible] I think, what they are.

The destiny of the poor Pawnees is not yet settled. I was in Washington last week, & made some inquiries in relation to them, as well as some other Indians; & I learn that a great high way is to be made for the whites thro' the Indian country, which will require the removal of this tribe. Other Indians are soon to give way to the westward [illegible] Lake Superior tho' I have some hope of being able to keep a few Ojibwas on Lake Superior from being swept away.

I was rather pleased with the new Com. of Indian Affairs so far as I could ascertain his views & spirit. He is young in his place, & has much to learn. Frequent changes at Washington are a sore evil in many branches of the public business.

I hope you will keep me fully advised of what is doing at your station. It is good policy for a missionary to write frequently to the Mission House. I have learned from my experience of 8 years in this place.

I do not know what you are doing for a school; I hope, however, that it is still in progress. I have my eye on this subject, & hope to send a teacher by the first opportunity. When I returned in [illegible] it was too late to send one this winter. It may be well for you to write at once on the [illegible] of this, & let me know the exact state of the [illegible], & particularly what you want to be the means [illegible] the teaching [illegible] [illegible]. Affectionate regards to [illegible].

Yours in [illegible] S. B. Treat

You will please to [illegible] John
Sawn Esq. Sec. of the Society [illegible] 29. 10.50. [illegible]
Brother Rev. Asher Wright will send the report & bills, to
me [illegible] N.Y. Indian Mission.

Add hereafter [illegible] Brother [illegible] furnish a similar
report early in May, each year, (next May inclusive,) for the
past. Please to [illegible]

You [illegible] already apprized, that you have been recommended to the "Society in Scotland for Propagating Christian Knowledge", as the missionary who is to receive the annual allowance which they make toward labours among the North American Indians. Mr Marsh, late of the Stockbridge mission, had the appropriation before you. In effect, this arrangement enables us to get so much more for our Indian missions; while they are secure as to the worthiness of the recipient. Mr Marsh accounted for the sums remitted, just as he did for any other moneys in his returns to Mr Hill.

Two things need to be done, on your part, to enable us to get this money. 1. There should be an annual report, giving some general account of your labors, the progress of the Indians, &c, &c; such matters as would interest the gentlemen having charge of the charity. 2. Bills must be drawn on the Treasurer in Scotland, who will remit the proper sums.

Now I wish you to set down, as soon as you can, instanter if possible, & draw up the report, with such an apology for the delay as you can properly frame; & then draw the bills — 4 sets — that is — 1 set (1st 2d & 3d) for the 6 months ending June 30, 1849; another set for the 6 mos. from July 1 to Dec. 31, 1849; another set for Jan 1 to June 30. 1850; another set for July 1 to Dec. 31, 1850. I annex the form of the bills, [illegible].

You will please to direct your report to John Tawse Esq. Sec. of the Society in Scotland for propagating Christian Knowledge. If you will send the report & bills to me, we will [illegible] the [illegible].

And hereafter we wish you to furnish a similar report early in May, each year, (next May included,) without fail. Please to locate this fact where it will not be overlooked, & we will hold ourselves much obliged.

Kind regards to Mrs. Riggs.

Fraternally,

Yrs

S. B. Treat.

[illegible] Oct. 28 arrived at the missionary house before my return from Europe; & I have not answered it sooner because I have not known what to say in reply. However, I have recently had some conversation with Mr. Wheeler, in reference to the Ojibwas; & I have had an opportunity also of reading the last report of the Com. of Indian Affairs; & perhaps I know as much on the subject as I shall be permitted. From the Com. himself, whom I saw at Washington a few days ago, I learned nothing. Besides, Mr. Rice has charge of all Indian matters in the Senate, & the department asks his opinions & advice. I presume, moreover, that his recommendations are favorably received.

As at present adopted, I should not be disposed to oppose the management of the Manual labor school. If I understand the system, it is defective & faulty; & from the Com.'s report I infer that there has been a good deal of friction in the working of the machine. Perhaps there can be a change introduced that will remove my objections.

Mission House, Boston
Jan. 31. 1858

Mr. J. W. Hancock,
Sioux Mission,

Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct. 28 arrived at the missionary house before my return from Europe; & I have not answered it sooner, because I have not known what to say in regard to the Winnebago school. I have recently had some conversation with Mr. Wheeler, missionary to the Ojibwas; & I have had an opportunity also of reading the last report of the Com. of Indian Affairs; & perhaps I know as much on the subject as I shall at present. From the Com. himself, whom I saw at Washington a few days ago, I learned nothing. He says Mr. Ramsey has charge of all Indian matters in the North West, & the department awaits his opinions & advice. I presume, moreover, that his recommendations are favorably received.

As at present advised, I should not be disposed to assume the management of the Winnebago school. If I understand the system, it is defective & faulty; & from the Com.'s report I infer that there has been a good deal of friction in the working of the machine. Perhaps there can be a change introduced that will remove my objections.

If I am correctly informed, the Winnebagoes are a very "hard set." Their situation exposes them to demoralizing influences from the white settlements; so that whoever undertakes any thing in their behalf must expect to engage in "up hill work."

Mr Aiton has offered to return to the Dakota mission. I have written to the brethren, to ascertain their views & wishes in regard to this proposition. Should he be reappointed, & should he go to Red Wing, we might wish you to go to the Winnebagoes, in case we should resolve to assume the charge of the school. But I have not a little dread of these large educational establishments. They are so difficult to manage, & above all so difficult to keep properly manned. It is easier to find ordained missionaries than male teachers.

I could learn nothing definite at Washington in regard to the Dakotahs. It is supposed that a treaty will be made this year, but you are as wise on the subject as I am, & probably wiser. Mr. Ramsey, I presume, knows all that is to be known.

I shall be glad to hear often & particularly in relation to your plans & doings. You will have seen, I doubt not, my letter to the mission. Christian salutations to Mrs Hancock.

Very sincerely &
fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 4. 1857.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee mission

Dear Brother

I have had my eyes open constantly for a teacher to take the place of your daughter; but I have not obtained any one as yet; partly, perhaps, because there has been no opportunity of sending one to the Cherokee nation. In consequence of some information recently received, I am induced to write to you in regard to a sister of Sophronia Hitchcock; not knowing but she may fill the vacant niche at Park Hill. Mr Bissell, (formerly of the Choctaw mission,) was requested by Mr. Gleason to look out for teachers, who might be sent to the people among whom he formerly labored. He fell in with Miss Harriet Hitchcock; & hence her name has come before us. He said, Sept. 11. "Miss Harriet is a young lady of sterling ~~merit~~, piety; decisive, & yet mild; energetic & yet gentle; an experienced & successful teacher, a good singer." "Br. & Sister Moulton, with whom I am staying, are of opinion that Miss Harriet would make a very efficient helper; & think it quite probable that her services may be secured."

On the 25 of Jan. Mr Bissell wrote again, enclosing a letter from Rev. E. Jenney, in which the latter speaks very well of Miss H. He has known her 5 or 6 years, & feels no hesitation" in recommending her to the patronage of any benevolent society needing an efficient helper in the department of education." She also says that she is "surpassed by few young ladies in all the essential qualifications for that responsible situation."

Mr Tefft says she has, for some time past had a desire to be employed as a missionary; but other duties, such as the care of a young brother & sister have prevented. —

These are the facts as they have come to our knowledge; & you can easily learn more about her. If you think favorably of having her join you at Park Hill, after the inquiries you may make, you are invited to correspond with her & to become one of you, if you consent. In regard to the other investigation, you need not feel in any haste. Suit your own convenience, & what the expenses of the journey be. to Mr Hill by Monterey?

Kind regards to Mrs W. & children.

Yours very truly

in great haste

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 5. 1851.

Rev. H. H. Spalding
Calapooya, Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of Oct. 29. & Nov. 4 were received Jan. 27. together with one from Mr. Atkinson, informing us of the action of the Oregon Association in reference to your appointment as Indian agent. At the earliest opportunity I sit down to write to you on the important questions which are raised by these communications.

1. In regard to your acceptance of the Indian agency, you will expect nothing further from me; inasmuch as Mr. Pomroy has already written to you.

2. The case of P. B. Whitman. I am at a loss what to write, as I know so little of the merits of the case. He never received any appointment from the Com^a. & he & Dr. Whitman having had an understanding between themselves. With the concurrence of the Prud. Com. I propose to leave the question of his compensation to Messrs Eells, Walker & yourself. You have a knowledge of the facts which we have not; & we are perfectly willing that you should do in the premises as shall seem to you right & just. Please to inform him of this action of the Com^a & let him present his case.

3. The claims for property destroyed, &c. I learned at Washington a few days since that this was referred t

the Superintendt of Indian affairs in July last. I presume you have been apprised of these facts, & have taken measures to secure a speedy & impartial consideration of our rights. The bill which you request I send herewith. In [illegible] of the relinquishment there may be some questions arising in regard to the property which has been lost by us, it may be well to get a report from the Agent which will facilitate the final action of the Govt. For example, I suppose a part of the property was taken or destroyed by the troops &c; a part by the Indians at the time of the massacre, &c. Now if it is possible to classify the cases of injury, & ascertain how much detriment we have suffered, in different ways, the case might come to a final decision more speedily. I throw out this suggestion for what it is worth. You may have legal advice which will suggest a better course.

4. Relations to the Dalles. I have brought the action of the Mission in reference to the transfer of the station to the Methodists before the Comm. & they approve & ratify the act. Whatever is recovered for property lost there will enure to the benefit of the present occupants. The expense however, of prosecuting this part of the claim should be borne by our Methodist brethren. but [illegible] may be

5. Claims for lands. This matter seems to have assumed the following shape. Congress, in its action touching Oregon, Augt 14. 1848, made provision "that the title to any land, not exceeding 640 acres, now occupied as missionary stations among the Indian tribes in said territory, together with the improvements thereon, be confirmed & established in the several religious societies to which said missionary stations respectfully belong." At the date of this act, we were not in the

occupancy of any of our stations; we have not since returned to them. On the contrary, in Sept. 1848 the Com. decided to abandon the Dalles, Waiilatpu & Clear Water, & they intimated an opinion to Messrs Eells & Walker in favor of the relinquishment of Tshimakain. These brethren, as I understand the case, coincided with the Com. & hence the ground may be considered as having been all given up. As the station at Tshimakain may be again occupied, I will say nothing of that claim in this place, but consider the others separately.

(1) The Dalles. I suppose the Methodists can make out a case for the 640 acres at this place. I think they come within the equities of the statute.

(2) Waiilatpu & Clear Water. I do not see how we can make good our claim to these stations. Had we not resolved to abandon them, & had we determined to occupy them as soon as we could, the case would have been different. As it is, I presume Clear Water might be regarded as in the Indian country; & that it could be again occupied, if it were thought expedient. As we do not think it expedient, it seems to me that the case is settled against us. It is possible that Waiilatpu may be considered as standing on different ground. We were driven from that field, (as from Clear Water,) & if there is no hope of our ever coming back to live there, but the country is going into the hands of the whites, perhaps we may have a claim, inasmuch as we are in no fault for the non-occupancy of the place. It may be urged, if the facts be as I have supposed, that we did all we could, & hence we ought not to lose the claim. Our abandoning the field, informally & forever, was forced upon us.

I throw out these thoughts, that you may know how the matter strikes us. We do not wish to present any claim for land which is unfounded; nor do we wish to obtain a part of Oregon upon a state of facts which is not properly understood by the Govt. If "the powers that be", understanding the case just as it is, think us entitled to any land, we are willing to receive it; otherwise not.

You will take the advice of men who are competent to express an opinion, upon the facts as they are known to exist in Oregon, & act accordingly. I shall be glad to hear from you further in regard to this matter.

6. I shall write to Messrs Eells & Walker immediately in regard to the re-occupancy of Tshimakain. Dr. Hunt has written a letter to a friend of his, which has been sent to me; & in consequence of this communication I shall submit the question of a return to the Spokans to these brethren, & authorize them to go back, if they think it best. I presume they will confer with you on this subject, if they have an opportunity.

Should they conclude to resume their labors among the Spokans, I presume we can claim the 640 acres. Otherwise I do not see that we have any hold upon the land whatever.

I have written the foregoing more hastily than I could have wished; but you will get our impressions, with our imperfect knowledge of the facts, & I trust they will answer your purpose.

Please to present my Christian sympathy to Mrs Spalding. Very sincerely, yours in the gospel of Christ, S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 4. 1851.

Rev. C. Eells
Tualatin Academy
Wash. Co. O. T.

Dear Brother,

Anson Dart, Superintendt of Indian Affairs &c. has recently written a letter to a friend of his in New Jersey, wishing to know if something cannot be done for the Spokans; this friend has forwarded the letter to me. Yesterday I laid the subject before the Comm^ee & I now write to you by their advice.

Perhaps you may know the facts which occasioned the communication of Dr Dart. Mr. Atkinson had apprised us of the circumstance that some of the Spokans were in the vicinity of Oregon City, exciting some interest among the whites. But Dr. Dart mentions additional facts, which I will not here repeat, as I presume you will learn them from other sources. The case, as he represents it, is certainly interesting (1) as showing that past efforts in their behalf have not been wholly in vain, & (2) that they desire a continuance of the good offices which they have received from the followers of Christ.

In our circumstances, so far removed from the people who desire this service, we are unable to say just what should be done. On the other hand you & Mr. Walker are better qualified than any one else to form an opinion on this question. Nor is this all. It seems to us that if any thing is to be done for the Spokans you are the persons to do it. You have their language. You know all about the work which is to be done. And you have the confidence of the Indians, as I suppose.

Hence we would raise two questions for your prayerful consideration. 1. Is it expedient to resume missionary operations among the Spokans. 2. Will you & Mr Walker return thither, & labor for their spiritual good?

We wish you to obtain all the light on the 1st topic which you can. Inquire of all who have information to give. Ascertain what the Superintendt will do to aid you, & then form your opinion as you shall have wisdom from above.

The 2d question may be difficult for you to decide; though the first should be in favor of the Indians. I will not suppose for a moment, that your missionary spirit has suffered any abatement. But you may have made arrangements which will seem to raise obstacles in the way of your personally engaging in this good work. But if it be true that some one should go to these Indians, will it not devolve especially upon you, for the reasons which I have hinted at above. You have qualifications for this enterprise which no one else has; which others cannot obtain for years. Your places can be filled more easily than men can be procured for Tshimakain, even if one could find them as far advanced in qualifications.

which of course is impossible. Hence it seems to us that if *we* are called upon to resume our efforts in behalf of Oregon, *you* are particularly marked out by Providence to be coworkers therein. There may be special embarrassments, of which we are ignorant; but aside from any peculiar hindrances, this must be our conclusion.

It would give us sincere pleasure, if the way should clearly be open for your return to Tshimakain. We desire to do what we can for the Indians of our great country; yet it is but little that any Society will be able to accomplish. We know of no other place where it seems advisable to make any appointment beyond the Rocky Mountains. If, therefore, the Spokans can hear the gospel from our hands once more, we shall rejoice. On the other hand, if the door shall seem to be shut, we do not wish to *break* it open.

One word more. As it may be advisable for you to act without writing in reply; & as we have confidence in your judgment herein, you are *authorized* to take measures, *as soon as you shall please*, to return & resume your work at Tshimakain.

I have this day written to Mr Spalding on several topics; & he will inform you, I doubt not, of such matters as are interesting to you.

You will have the goodness to communicate the points herein discussed to Mr. Walker. I do not know where to find him with a letter.

Christian greetings to Mrs Eells. Yours, in the fellowship of the gospel, S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 5. 1852

Hon. Anson Dart.
Superintend.t Indian
Affairs, Oregon.

Dear Sir.

Your letter to P. H. Porter Esq. setting forth your wish, that something may be done for the Spokans, has been kindly forwarded by that gentleman to me; & yesterday I read it in extenso to our Prud. Com.ee We are exceedingly glad that you take so deep an interest in the North American Indians; & we should be most happy to know that all the officers of our Gov.t in connection with the red man, were actuated by similar feelings.

It was with deep regret, as you will readily suppose, that we received the tidings of the massacre at Waiilatpu, & the consequent blasting of all our hopes in relation to the Indians who were involved in that tragedy. It was not clear at first what would become of the station at Tshimakain; but the communications of Messrs Walker & Eells seemed to make it plain that we should leave that post, at least till more quiet times.

We rejoice, however, to learn that there is encouragement to return thither; & I have this day written to Messrs Eells & Walker on this subject, proposing two inquiries (1) Is it expedient to resume missionary operations among

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the Spokans? (2) Will you (Messrs Walker & Eells) return thither? And I conclude by authorizing them (to go back, as soon as they shall please, if they deem it advisable that our efforts should be recommenced in that field.

I am aware that these gentlemen may have made arrangements which will make it difficult for them to take this step. But the great advantages which they will have, over new missionaries, seems to show that if any one should devote himself to the spiritual good & temporal improvement of these Indians, they are particularly called to this work.

When I was in Washington a few days since I learned that our claim which we have presented for property destroyed &c, at Waiilatpu & elsewhere, in consequence of the massacre of Dr. Whitman, was referred to you. The gentlemen who have heretofore acted as our missionaries in Oregon have been requested to prepare & submit the testimony in regard to these claims; & I have no doubt you will afford them every proper facility in the premises.

With much respect,

I am very truly

yours

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 6. 1851.

Rev. C. Eells.
Tualatin Academy.

Dear Brother.

Our large claim for property lost & destroyed, some three years ago, is referred to Mr. Dart. As that statement does not include any damage sustained at your station, will it not be best for you to make out one, with Mr. Walker's aid, & submit it to the Superintendt. I called your attention to this subject in a former letter to the mission. But I thought it would do no harm to allude to it again.

Should you return to the Spokans, I suppose we shall have a claim for 640 acres of land, according to a provision in the act of Congress relating to Oregon. This matter, I have no doubt, you will keep in mind. In regard to the other claims, I have written to Mr. Spalding.

Very fraternally
& affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 7. 1850.

Rev. H. H. Spalding
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother.

Two days ago I wrote to you at at some length on sundry topics suggested by letters received from you within a few days. I wish now to add a few words, which may be of no practical value, & in that case they will do no harm.

The large claim which we have made for property lost by us in Oregon, has been recognized at Washington as having merits; but the principle on which these merits rest, has not been announced to us. As I have said in a former letter, I suppose we may ask compensation for property used or destroyed by the Govt. troops; & we may also ask Govt. to hold back, from any moneys which may be coming to the Indians involved in this unhappy business, a sum sufficient to indemnify us for what we have lost. Beyond that I do not at present see how we can go, as at present advised.

Now it should be kept in mind that the Comr. of Ind. Affairs who admitted the "merits" of our claim, is not in office, nor in the world. His successor may take a different view of the case; or if he does not, some one else may, who has the power to arrest proceedings. We have had enough trouble in such matters, not to feel certain of getting a claim till the money is actually paid over. In these circumstances I wish to make a suggestion.

I presume there will be a treaty made with the Indians very soon. Cannot some provision be introduced into that treaty, which will secure the payment of our claim? I suppose other demands will be provided for; why not ours also?

If other demands are included in the articles of the treaty, I presume Commissioners will be appointed to adjust them. In that case our claim can go to the same body, to be passed upon by them, i.e. the *amount* to be paid, *not* the fact whether any thing shall be allowed or not. *This* question the *treaty* should settle, leaving only the *value* of the property lost by us to be ascertained subsequently.

If the Superintendt, Mr. Day, shall have examined the case *before* the *treaty*, & reported the amount of property lost, then the treaty should simply provide for the payment of *that amount*, & leave nothing for the action of Commissioners. This may be a reason for having the investigation take place as soon as convenient. If he shall *not have* reported, the treaty may make provision for the payment of such sum as he shall report at a future day.

The main thing, however, is to have the treaty settle the question of *our* right to *indemnity*.

Fraternally &

Sincerely yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 7. 1856

Rev. G. Rockwood,
Tuscarora. N. Y.

Dear Brother,

Your favor of Jan. 14. is before me, & I will reply to the several questions therein presented seriatim.

1. The Com^ee have renewed the appropriation of $50 for the education of your children, according to your request.

2. I am unable to say what should be done in the matter of the interpreters, as I have not a sufficient knowledge of the facts. It is always hazardous to give an opinion on Indian affairs, at a distance, & without being fully possessed of the case. Your brethren can give advice much better than I can.

I may say this, however, viz. I have been much pleased with the conduct of some interpreters in our Indian missions, who have declined any compensation whatever. There are cases where it is doubtless proper for us to give, & for the interpreter to take wages. But where he is a professed follower of the Lord Jesus Christ, & desires the well-being of his people, it seems peculiarly fit that he should aid in the work of a missionary largely by performing his part gratuitously, unless he makes a pecuniary sacrifice thereby which he is not able to bear. The idea

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of an interpreter's making gain of his business, there being no special reason for it, is not pleasant to me. But I have said enough on this point. How far my remarks apply to Mr. Ohm, I have no means of judging; his circumstances being unknown to me.

3. What you say in regard to the expense of repairs, &c, I have carefully read. I have not laid the matter before the Com. for several reasons. (1) I feel, & they will feel, that the Indians should make up any deficiency which there may be, as they have the undoubted ability to do so. (2) They have a special dislike to making a second appropriation for a thing of this kind. They wish an accurate estimate in the first instance; & when they have acted once, they wish that action to be final. (3) We have many & urgent calls for our funds, & are likely to have. (4) From a sentence which you wrote on the margin of your letter, I infer that you do not ask a second appropriation. And I sincerely hope that none will be necessary.

I am looking anxiously for better tidings from the New York Indians. Shall we not hear them soon? Pray, dear brother, much & fervently that the time to favor this people may soon come.

Kind respects to Mrs. K. & Miss Mayer.

Yours in the fellowship
of a common
faith
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston.
Feb. 10. 1852.

Rev. Wm Hall,
West Randolph
Cattaraugus Co. N.Y.

Dear Brother,

With much pleasure I rec'd your favor of Jan. 20; & with much pleasure I read most of it. That part which describes the state of your health, I was sorry to peruse; & yet I hope the the Lord has a work for you to do, that will require length of days. You are in his hands, just where you & all your friends would wish you to be; & nothing can shorten your days, contrary to his holy pleasure. How good it is, dear brother, to feel that we are at the disposal of such a being! What a pillow is this for a weary or anxious spirit! How soft, how sweet! God grant that you may find it such!

I was hoping to hear better tidings from the New York Indians. The state of things at Cattaraugus is certainly discouraging; & I fear that it will continue so for a while to come. But from the Allegany station I expect more favorable reports. Perhaps the Lord is about to throw a little uncertainty over the state of your health as a means to an end, i.e. that you may receive a new baptism for your work. Pray ~~much~~ for this blessing upon yourself & Br. Potter, that your speech may be with power from on high.

In regard to the several items of business which are mentioned in your letter, I will now answer seriatim.

1. The Com. cheerfully give you permission to be absent next summer, should Providence seem to favor the step. We hope the blessing of God will be with you.

2. We have neither shoes nor clothing to send to you, not having any thing of the kind at the Miss. House. Donations of this sort have pretty much ceased.

3. As to the relations of yourself & Bro. Potter, we do not feel that we ought to act in the premises. Such a course would not be in accordance with our usages. The mission locate the brethren, & arrange their relations to each other; except that we sometimes send a man to occupy a particular station, which happens to be vacant; but even then, after he joins the brethren, his relations to the others are subject to the vote of the majority. The case which you mention, therefore, is one that the mission should decide upon.

4. The redemption of your house, as proposed by Mr. H., has raised some queries in my mind, which I will now put down in order. (a) Is it best to have any thing done in this matter at present? I hope & pray that you may be spared many years; at any rate, I do not perceive any reason to suppose that you may not live some time. When you are called away from this world, the state of your family may be different; & they may not wish to live in your present house.

But should they wish to obtain the house, how-

I have no doubt that the Com^ee will be willing to part with it to Mrs. Hall on reasonable terms. You may say, perhaps, that you wish to have the purchase made, that so much may be secure for your family. But suppose you take the money, & invest it in some good place, & let it accumulate, if you do not want the interest; so that at your death your family will have the avails, either to pay for this house, or build another, which they may prefer; or do something else, which may then seem better.

Still (1) you may prefer to purchase. Two questions arise. (1) How much shall you pay? We do not feel competent to answer this enquiry. I think you must lay the matter before the brethren, & let them suggest a sum. (2) On what terms will you keep the house; or, rather, what change shall be made in your salary. This is a point that will need some thought, as also the action of the mission. Perhaps there will be some little difficulty in adjusting all the matters involved in the transfer.

On the whole I am in favor of having things remain in statu quo. But if you, or Mrs Hall wish to redeem, & will get the views of the mission on the 2 questions just presented, I will lay the matter before the Com^ee.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. Hall, your sister, &c

Yours in the work of
the Gospel

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 12 1851.

Rev. E. Butler, M.D.
Flint. P.O. Cherokee
Nation.

Dear Brother.

I send herewith my letter to your mission (as you are the person most interested in the action of the Comee) directly to yourself. As you will find all the points which were presented to us covered by what I have already said, I need not say much more.

The Com. are perfectly cordial & harmonious, in regard to your taking the step proposed, for the reasons which I have given. We should be glad to have you remain in our connection; but we think that you will still do (substantially) missionary work; & therein we rejoice.

I shall try hard to get some one for Fairfield soon. Mr Hemenway will be liked by the mission, I think. He can work well in a team, possesses a good spirit, &c. His wife is well spoken of. I believe he has had some experience as a farmer, which of course will come in play. But I am not sure that I can get him. I shall know better a few days hence.

I expect you to write to me as heretofore. I wish especially to speak of the two seminaries in our Annual report. Let me know about the common schools.

Affectionate regards to Mrs B. & Miss Smith, Yours &c S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 12. 1851

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren:

The minutes of your meeting held at Dwight, Jan. 11. have been duly received; & yesterday I laid them before the Prud. Com.ee The result is as follows:

1. We approve of Mr. Butler's accepting the Stewardship of the female seminary sustained by the national funds. (a) Because we feel a deep interest in the success of that institution, & are willing to aid it in the important experiment which it is about to make. (b) We think Mr. Butler will be able to take with him his missionary character; & we trust he will be a useful servant of Christ in his new position. We have great confidence in the fitness both of Mrs. B. & himself for the post.

2. We approve of his retaining his relation to the mission & the Board. Were we to look simply at our pecuniary interests, we might prefer a release of his connection with us; as that would cut off future claims upon our treasury, which may hereafter, by the present plan, be made against it. But we are not unwilling to concede to one who has labored so long & so faithfully the advantage which he now has.

Besides, we may find it convenient to return to a full connection with us; in which case, I doubt not, we shall be glad to welcome him. In his contemplated post, we shall wish him to continue his correspondence with us, & especially keep us informed of the progress of the two seminaries supported by the public treasury.

3. We approve of the acceptance of Fairfield by Mr & Mrs. Orr, till an ordained missionary can be sent thither. We have already had good evidence of their Christian fidelity & devotedness.

4. We shall endeavor to procure a missionary for Fairfield with the least possible delay. I regard the station as too important to be abandoned, or to be left without a preacher of the gospel for any great length of time. I shall apply at once to Rev. Mr. Hemenway, late of the Siam mission, & see if he cannot be induced to take Dr. Butler's place. We think well of him & of his wife.

Should he, or any one else, set out for the Cherokee mission soon, we shall endeavor to send two or three female teachers with him.

I am, dear brethren,
most affectionately
yours
in the gospel of our Lord
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 12. 1851.

Rev. D. S. Butrick,
Cherokee Mission,

Dear Brother.

On my return from Europe, I found your letters of June 21 & Oct. 23, which I should have answered sooner, if I had had leisure. I have since received the copy of the minutes of the mission meeting at Dwight, Jan. 11. for which I am much obliged to you. My reply is directed to the mission; & I have sent it to Dr. Butler, with this note, as he is more particularly interested therein. Our action in the premises, I presume, is all that was expected.

I have not time to write to you at length; as I have not a little to do; & I am anxious to retain what health I have. I am attending to my duties from day to day: & the Lord has thus far given me strength therefor. I trust he will continue to do so. Pray for me, dear brother, that I may have all the qualifications for my work which I need.

I am glad that God still spares your life, that you may do something for the Cherokees. When we are cut off from active labor, there is always one thing left which we can do, we can pray. This, I doubt not, you love to do. May the Master give you his own presence & favor at all times?

Christian greetings to all at Dwight.

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 13. 1858.

Mr. C. Dickinson,
Deerfield, Mass.

My dear Friend.

Your favor of the Feb 3 was duly received; & on Tuesday last I presented your request to the Prud. Com^e. They have cheerfully granted the same, & you are now released from your connection with the Board.

I regret the necessity for this step; & I still hope that the way may be opened for your return to the Choctaws. You retire from the mission with the kind wishes of all, so far as I know; & I am sure you have the confidence & esteem of those who are at the Miss. House.

I remain, fraternally & truly yours,

S. B. Treat.

You will find the statements [illegible] in some respects [illegible] have [illegible] I suppose will be [illegible] labors.

The [illegible]

[illegible] invited to take the direction of a female [illegible]

I have had my thoughts turned towards you; & at our last Com. meeting, I laid the matter before them, [illegible] your name as Mr. Worthing's successor. They [illegible] the recommendation; & I now write, by their authority, to ask you to resume the work of a missionary in a new field.

You will not be required to learn a new language; but, should you accede to my proposal, you will preach thro' an interpreter, as do the other missionaries. The language is very difficult; & no adult has ever acquired enough of it for public use.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Feb. 13. 1850

Rev. Asa Hemenway,
Shoreham, Vt.

Dear Brother.

You are doubtless familiar with the name of Dr. Butler of the Cherokee mission, the same who was once imprisoned in Georgia, with Rev. S. A. Worcester, for no crime whatever. He has lately been invited to take the direction of a female seminary, supported by the Cherokee nation; & the mission & Com.ee have both approved of his accepting the appointment. This will leave his station (Fairfield) vacant; & the question arises, "who shall fill his place?"

I have had my thoughts turned towards you; & at our last Com.ee meeting, I laid the matter before them, & proposed your name as Dr. Butler's successor. They approved the recommendation; & I now write, by their authority, to ask you to resume the work of a missionary in a new field.

You will not be required to learn a new language; but, (should you accede to my proposal,) you will preach thro' an interpreter, as do the other missionaries. The language is very difficult; & no adult has ever acquired enough of it for public use.

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You will find the station in good condition; indeed it is the best in some respects in the nation. All that you will have to do, I suppose, will be to enter into another man's labors.

The Cherokees are an interesting tribe of Indians; in the matter of civilization they stand, I think, at the head of our aborigines. The spiritual results of missionary labor have been greater among the Choctaws, tho' the converse was true at first. The treatment which the former have received at the hands of the whites, seems to have had an unhappy influence upon them; they are not so impressible as they once were. Still I look for better days in this particular.

[illegible] that I have not space or time to go into many details. If you wish to make many inquiries into the state of the Indians, the nature of the work you will be expected to do, the circumstances of the mission, &c. &c. &c. you had better come to the Mission House, where we can talk the matter over at length. Should you deem such a visit desirable, you are authorized to come at our expense.

I hardly need remark, in closing, that the sooner Mr Butler's place is filled, the better.

Kind regards to Mrs H. & to the Caswells, [illegible]

Very truly Yours in the work,

Your common Master

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Feb. 14. 1851.

Mr. David Breed Jr.
New Haven, Ct.

Dear Sir

On my return from Europe, I found that you had requested an allowance from the Pru. Com. in consideration of certain articles which you had left in the Choctaw country; & that Mr. Hill had been instructed to write to Mr. Kingsbury on the subject. To day the answer of Mr Kingsbury has arrived at the Miss. House; & I now set down before you my impressions in the premises.

I have no wish to go into the history of your connection with the mission. It was certainly an unfortunate step, as you will readily admit; & it has taught me lessons which I hope will be of some value to the Board hereafter. Suffice it to say, after a few months spent at Pine Ridge, you relinquished your post to Mr Kingsbury, & went to Good Land. I have before me an account of the earnings of yourself & Mrs Breed at Pine Ridge, amounting to $187.50, as also of what you received, amounting to $196.98, the balance against you being $9.48. I understand that there was no settlement between you & Mr Kingsbury; & perhaps you would object to some of the items. But I suppose that Mr. K. would claim that you received at least as much as the services rendered were worth.

Mr Kingsbury has also paid debts of [illegible] Breed. contracting to the amount of $268.20, you having left the

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nation without having made any provision for their paym

It was in perfect ignorance of this state of things, tha
I received your letter of July 19. 1849, & replied but Sep
24. 1849, sending you a check for $100, the amount w
you said you had expended from your private funds. I
might have answered, even as the case then stood, that
were under no obligation to refund in the circumstances. Ma
who go to the Choctaws as Missionaries, claim their expenses to th
Mission, or salary while connected with the Boarding
Schools, or pay their own expenses back. But in your cir
cumstances I asked the Com^ee^ to grant the $100, & they d
so. Had I imagined that you had left behind such de
to be paid by others, we should have at least hesitated.

I have had no opportunity to lay this matter
before the Com^ee^ since the receipt of Mr Kingsbury's lette
in reply to Mr Hotch. I do not wish to do so. Still, if yo
desire it, I will bring the subject to their notice at an
early day. But I must say, in all frankness, that I can
not suppose it at present advisable, to recommend an allowance
such as you ask.

With these views & impressions, it is perhaps unnec
to go into an inquiry as to the articles which you left amon
the Choctaws. Some have never been found. The cook stove wa
broken all the way to Doaksville, whether it was caused by
[illegible] orders, & no one wished to buy it. The saddle was taken
by the man who furnished you with a team to go to the Road
But I have said enough on this point for the present.

I remain,
as ever, yours &c
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Feb. 15. 1851.

Hon. L. Lea,
Com^r. of Indian Affairs.

Sir

I send herewith an extract from a letter of Mr. Hall, our missionary at La Pointe, for a twofold reason. 1. The information may be of use to the Indian Department, aside from any bearing it may have on the removal of the La Pointe band. 2. It throws some light, as it seems to me, on the question which I had the honor to submit for consideration when I was in Washington.

The letter was not written with any expectation that the facts therein set forth would be communicated to the U. S. Government. It was prepared for my use simply, & contains, therefore, such a statement of recent occurrences, & such opinions, as were supposed to be the right & privilege of the Secretary having charge of the Indian missions. I trust you will keep in mind, as you read the extract, the relation which subsists between me & a gentleman for whose intelligence & honesty I have the highest respect.

Mr. Hall evidently regards the question of the removal of the Ojibwas as materially complicated by the events at Sandy Lake. I have very serious doubts whether the La Pointe Indians can be transferred to the west side of the Mississippi without the aid of physical force; & if this be so, the difficulties in the way of the measure must be considered as [illegible] grave & weighty.

It has occurred to me, since I saw you in Washington, that possibly other Ojibwas (than those at La Pointe) whose removal is now contemplated, might be located on Lake Superior with safety & advantage, say at the head of the Lake, or at the Brulé river, thirty miles this side. The expense to the Government would be far less; & the danger of collision among the bands beyond the Mississippi would be materially lessened, to say nothing of other considerations. Were a considerable number settled upon the Lake, as I have suggested, I think we should be disposed to send a missionary among them at once, & thus aid in their improvement & civilization. I am aware, however, that there may be objections to this plan with which I am not familiar.

It will give me much pleasure to learn the decision of the Department in regard to the La Pointe Indians as soon as convenient. Our plans are in some measure suspended upon the result. Besides, the time will soon come for the Indians to begin their agricultural labors; & it will operate favorably upon their industry, if they can be assured that what they sow they shall surely reap. The degree of encouragement which the Government can give to schools, I shall be glad also to learn.

I have heard nothing in respect to our claim (for the property which we formerly had among the Cherokees) in the hands of Messrs. Aldridge, Platt & Stewart. It is getting very old; & I suppose that unless there is immediate action, there may be another postponement. Must we wait much longer?

We are very anxious to receive a copy of Mr. Schoolcraft's work on the Indians; & I do not know how to procure one. Cannot the Government, in consideration of all we have done, & are still doing for the Aborigines of our

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county, furnish us with a copy? If so, we shall feel ourselves particularly obliged.

I am very respectfully,
your
obed't servant,

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Feb. 15, 1851.

Rev. F. C. Cannon,
Geneva N.Y.

Dear Brother.

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Fraternally & very
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Miss. House Boston
Feb. 18 1851

Rev. D. Greene
Westboro, Mass.

Dear Brother,

The Choctaw mission wish that the Rev. L. S. Williams, formerly associated with them, join their ranks once more. The time for which they propose to have him repair to their assistance, is six or more months. The reason for this request is that they feel the need (very justly) of more strength in the mission.

I have received a letter from Mr Williams, who wishes to go for at least one year, & take his wife with him; but after putting searching questions, he leaves it quite uncertain whether he will go in any event. His health seems not to be very good.

Now I wish to know what sort of a man Mr Williams is? & what for a missionary was he? And what do you think of this plan?

Kind regards to your children.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
Feb. 18. 1851

Mrs C. G. Palmer
Wright, Chr. Nat.

Dear Madam

Your favor of Jan 27 has been duly received; & today I have laid your request before the Com.ee They cheerfully grant the same, a necessity being imposed upon you as herein; & you may consider yourself as honorably released from your connection with the Board. None but the kindest feelings toward you are cherished at the Miss. House; & you have our best wishes & prayers for your happiness & usefulness.

Should your services be needed by the mission till Summer, I hope you will be able to remain in your present position. We do not find a Superintendent as yet; & I have very little hope that we shall obtain one, & I am not prepared to send out another female teacher alone, without further correspondence with the mission. I expect to write to the brethren soon on this subject.

Please to present my kind regards to Mr. Palmer, as also my congratulations that he has found so good a wife, & believe me,

As ever,
Most affectionately & truly
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 19. 1851.

Rev. R. Hopkins,
Dakota Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Dec. 16 was duly received. The question which you proposed in regard to boarding Indian children will be answered by the letter to the mission which I send herewith. It seemed the best, on the whole, to give the matter this direction, that you may all know just what to depend upon hereafter.

I was in Washington a few days since, but learned nothing new as to the designs of the Gov.t touching the Dakotas. The present Com.r of Indian Affairs is new in his place, & has much to learn in regard to his work. He said that the Department had confidence in Gov. Ramsey, & his recommendations & views would have great weight. And I suspect that things will be done pretty much in accordance with his opinions. Hence if you wish to know what is to be hereafter, you can give a pretty shrewd guess, after conferring with that individual. I was rather pleased with the Com.r on the whole.

The position for you & the mission at the present time, as well as for us at the Miss. House, seems to be that of waiting. And as we are called to this in the good providence of God, let us possess our souls in patience. Kind regards to Mrs H. & your associates.

Fraternally yours S. B. Treat.

Boston

Miss. House Boston
Feb. 19. 1851.

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

In my letter to you of Dec. 30 I announced the appropriation of $350 for the support of 10 Indian children in your families. I also said, "I have no doubt they (the Com.) will give a like sum $35 for any number of children that you may take," &c

In consequence of a recent letter from Mr. Hopkins, I have brought the subject before the Comᵗᵉᵉ in a distinct & definite form, that you may know just what to expect in future. I am now authorized to say that you may take as many Dakota children into your families as you may wish, on the plan which you have heretofore mentioned, till you reach the number of 25; & we will allow $35 for the support of each. This you are authorized to do till you hear from us to the contrary. The limit of 25 is not fixed as a point beyond which the Com. will not go, if the mission desire it; but we never like to give unlimited powers; & I told the Com. that you probably would never wish to go so high as 25.

I remain, as ever,

yours, in the work
& service of our Lord,
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Feb. 25. 1851.

John Tawse, Esq.
Sec. in Scotland.

Dear Sir.

I do not know that you fully understand some things, which will in part account for the delay that has arisen in the transmission of Mr. Wright's report. In Sept. 1848, Mr Greene was obliged to resign his office as one of the Secs. of the A. B. C. F. M., in consequence of impaired health; & in the spring of 1849, he removed to Westboro, about 30 miles from Boston, where he has since resided & labored on a small farm. This fact has occasioned some delay in apprising Mr. Wright of his relations to your Society, &, consequently, postponed the expected report. Nothing was expected, I presume, in 1849; but there should have been one in 1850; & if I had not been in Europe, unfortunately for my health, I think the matter would have been attended to. Hereafter, I trust, reports will be forwarded with more regularity. I say this, because the care of the Indian missions has devolved upon me, in consequence of Mr. Greene's ill health, & I am in constant correspondence with Mr. Wright, whom I regard as a very useful missionary. I visited the Senecas in June 1849, & was much pleased with their improvement.

Very respectfully & truly yours
S. B. Treat, Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. House, Boston.
Feb. 27. 1851

Rev. Asa Hemenway
Shoreham, Vt.

Dear Brother,

Some two weeks ago, I addressed a letter to you, by the advice of the Prud. Com. proposing to you to join the Cherokee mission, & occupy the station which has hitherto been in charge of Dr. Butler. As I have heard nothing in reply to that communication, I suppose that it may not have reached you. If this be the case, will you please to inform me.

I suggested, in my former letter, that as you might wish to visit the Miss. House, for the purpose of being more fully acquainted with the state of the Cherokee mission, you were at liberty to do so, at the expense of the Board.

Christian salutations to Mr Walker, Mr & Mrs Caswell.

Affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Confidential.

Miss. House, Boston,
March 5, 1851.

Rev. Sidney Dyer,
Sec. Am. Ind. Miss. Ass.
Louisville, Kentucky.

Rev & Dear Sir.

I have been much gratified by the receipt of the 7th Report of your association; & to-day I have welcomed, for the first time, the Indian Advocate. For both I desire to return you my thanks. As I have charge of the Indian missions of the American Board, I am desirous of knowing all that is done for the aborigines of our country. May I venture, therefore, to make the following requests. (1) that you will continue to send us the Indian Advocate, directed to the "Journal of Missions, Miss. House, Boston;" (2) that you will also send us the annual reports of your society, as they are published, & (3) that you will also forward to my direction, "care of Dr. Geo. L. Weed, Cincinnati, Ohio," the *first six* annual reports. In other words, we wish to receive your reports, *past* & future, so that we may have *a complete set* in our library. I shall notice your operations occasionally in the Herald.

On our part we will send you with pleasure (1) our annual reports (these you can get at Cincinnati) (2) the Miss. Herald (3) the Journal of Missions, a monthly paper. (4) the Youth's Dayspring, for children. If you wish any of these, please to inform me.

Respectfully Yours S. B. Treat, Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Confidential.

Miss. House Boston
March 5, 1851

Rev. Asher Wright
N. Y. Ind. Mission

Dear Brother

I wish to write to you in confidence touching your mission. You have probably inferred already that I am not altogether satisfied with some things among you; — I will state to you a few thoughts which have been floating in my mind for a few weeks past.

1. It seems to me that less is accomplished at Tuscarora than should be, or can be. Miss Thayer is doing well, so far as I can learn; but Mr. Rockwood does not seem to me to be the man for that post. Perhaps the fault is with the Indians; still his labors do not appear to tell much upon them. Is it not best that there should be a change? I think it is. The matter has been put off, for reasons which you will understand; but I am inclined to think that something should be done soon. But how shall the matter be brought about? I might visit the station, & look into the condition of affairs, & advise Bro. R. to leave, endeavoring to get the Indians to promise to do more &c. This I do not wish to do. I can bring the question before the Com. They might recommend to him to leave, after a certain time. This course I should prefer. Which mode is the best? 2. Will there be any difficulty in getting some one to take his place? [illegible]

Some one be found in Western New York? Should the missionary try to get the language? Will not the Indians speak English before long?

(2.) It seems to me that some change should be made at Cattaraugus. You should remain where you are; at least on the Reservation; but I doubt whether Bro. Bliss had better continue much longer. Perhaps I am mistaken; if so, please to set me right.

Suppose it to be advisable for him to leave, how shall it be brought about? There are 2 ways. (1) We say to him, that in view of all the circumstances we think he had better exchange his field of labor, in the expectation that we shall send another man to fill his place. or (2) we can say that, we wish to make the experiment of having but one missionary at Cattaraugus, & see how it will work; we can also say that as between you & him, we think he had better leave.

In regard to the last plan, I am not sure that it is advisable; but I sometimes feel inclined to try it. I do not wish to increase your labors, & would not do so, at least to any material amount. And perhaps it would not be necessary. It might do the Indians good to take away one of the missionaries, & let them know that they cannot have just as much labor bestowed upon them as they please, especially if they do not profit by it.

And then, should the plan work badly, we may give it up at any time, i.e. supposing we could get another man to enter the field. And [illegible] should [illegible] be an opening among the [illegible] could bring in a fellowlaborer to divide your burdens.

In the mean time, would you think it best to suspend for the time at the [illegible] Station? What would be done with Bro. [illegible] house? Would any one else try to hold meetings there?

As soon as you can make up your mind what to write in reply to this, I should be glad to hear from you; the more full of particulars the better.

Your letter of Feb. 8. enclosing the bills, as also the 2d letter Feb. 8–10, I have duly received, & for these I am much obliged. I thank you, especially for the long report; which I have had copied, for future use. Hereafter a shorter report will be sufficient. I hope you will forward one about June 1. I can use the same for our annual report.

Kind regards to Mrs W.

Affectionately & truly
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 5. 1852.

To the Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brethren

Through the kindness of Mr. Wright, I was duly informed of the action which you have taken in the matter of calling Mr. Williams to your assistance, as also the reasons which induced you to recommend that measure. When I first received Mr. Wright's letter, I thought we should probably see our way clear to give Mr. Williams a temporary appointment; and sincerely rejoiced in the prospect of your having additional laborers in your field. But the letter of Mr. Williams shook my confidence somewhat, & when I came to lay the matter before the Prud. Comee I found that they had still stronger doubts in regard to the case.

First of all, let me say that we are all very anxious that your mission should be strengthened. Not only so, we are determined to do what in us lies to give you a reinforcement during the present year. We feel that you need assistance; & we feel that the ground which you are called to cultivate, is one that richly repays the labors of the husbandman. And let me say further, that we have a much better prospect of sending missionaries to your aid than we have had for a long time. The spirit of "the early times," when Hall, Newell & others, were on the stage, seems to be waking up in Andover.

from other seminaries we hear good news; & many young men have already offered their services. I know there is a difficulty in getting candidates for the miss. work to think of the Indians; but in the present state of the question, I hope & believe they will not be indispensable. Heretofore we could not say much about their going to the Indians, because the calls from other missions were so earnest; & so they are still; but there is not that stringent, crying necessity now that there has been. The burden upon individuals is not so crushing, as it has been. In fact, we have sent out many reinforcements since I have been at the Miss. Rooms to save the lives of the brethren, who were standing apparently on the border of the grave. This urgency has in some measure passed away.

Since I received Mr. Wright's letter I have sought an interview with an Andover student (a Senior) & he thinks favorably of going to the Choctaws. He may not go; but I have considerable hope that he will. And he will endeavor to take a friend along with him. A pastor in Western New York, of good report as a faithful preacher, now enjoying a revival, I believe, though not liberally educated, has offered his services to the Board, & should we think it best to send him to the Choctaws, I presume he would go. There is one subject about which we shall wish to ascertain his views particularly. I shall expect to see him in a few days.

The matter of Mr Williams' appointment has been before the Com. twice. And their opinion, after all the light has been shed upon the question which we can get, is unfavorable to the measure, & that for the following reasons.

1. His health appears from his letter not to be good. He says: "Severe fatigue, bodily or mental, or much exposure to storms, or extremes of heat or cold affect me, sometimes for days or weeks, before I regain my health." Other statements are to the same effect.

2. He is uncertain whether he shall make up his mind to go in any event, especially before next autumn.

3. He wishes to take his wife with him, & I do not learn that her joining your number has been contemplated. I do not know that any place could be provided for her.

4. The expense will be considerable. In addition to an outfit, which he expects, there will be the expense of two persons to & from the Choctaw nation; besides their salary for a year, the time which he proposes.

5. At his age, & with his health, we might expose our treasury to future claims, which as wise stewards we ought perhaps to guard against. Suppose he should leave the Choctaws with miserable health, (having no property,) could we well decline giving him aid, even to a large amount? His health might be impaired by his labors among you.

These reasons, in connection with the prospect which you have that fresh & permanent laborers may be obtained, have been decisive with the Comm^ee. We regret very much that we cannot gratify you in this thing; but we hope to do still better for you.

Yours in the fellowship of the
gospel
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
March 5, 1858.

Rev. A. Wright,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother.

My reply to the mission in regard to the appointment of Mr. Williams I send to you, as the brethren requested you to correspond with me on the subject. On some accounts I regret the result; but I think we shall send you assistance; & perhaps we are the more likely to do so in consequence of your request in regard to Mr W.

One reason that may have had some influence with the Com. I will state in this letter, as you will know how to make a discreet use of the fact. We think it very important to have men among you who are safe on the slavery question; i.e. those who will not be likely to cause trouble. We do not feel quite sure of Mr. Williams in this matter. Might he not say things, after his return to Illinois, that would create a stir? He would do this perhaps without any design to give you or us uneasiness. Still, if I understand his character, he is not perfectly sure.

From your silence in regard to the health of Mrs. W. & yourself, I hope you are both better. Please to present my affectionate sympathy to her. Kind regards to all in your household & across the brook.

Fraternally Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
March 5 1851.

Rev. L. S. Williams
Hillsboro, Montgomery
Co. Illinois.

Rev & Dear Sir.

Your favor of Jan. 30 & your P.S. of Feb. 1. have been duly received; & I should have answered them earlier, had not the questions therein presented seemed to us both grave & difficult. We have felt a very strong desire to gratify the Choctaw mission in the matter of their request; & we are pleased with the Christian spirit which your letter breathes. The remembrance of your name & labors, moreover, has not passed away from the Miss. House. But after giving the subject an unusual amount of thought & consideration, we have come to the conclusion that it is not expedient for you to change your present field of labor for the missionary work among the Choctaws.

An important consideration with us is, that we now have the prospect of sending to the aid of our brethren fresh & permanent laborers; & such a prospect, I am happy to say, as we have not had for years.

In regard to your daughter, presuming that she has the requisite qualifications for teaching among the Choctaws, I should favor her going thither, should she be inclined to go. The teachers of the boarding schools

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receive an appointment from us generally, either for five years or indefinitely. We give a small outfit, pay travelling expenses to the field; after which they have a salary, in addition to board, of $100. This enables them to lay up something. They can go out on the ordinary missionary basis, if they prefer to do so. But if they elect the salary plan, we do not pay their return expenses, nor do we assume any liability for sickness, &c. as we do in the case of ordinary missionaries.

Should your daughter be willing to go to Pine Ridge, I hope Mr Kingsbury will be informed thereof. I shall write to him soon, & advert to the subject.

And now, dear brother, as Providence seems not to open the way for your laboring once more among the Choctaws, may the Great Head of the Church give you many years of useful & happy labor in the part of the vineyard which you now occupy, & may his smile ever rest upon you & yours.

Very truly & affectionately
yours
in the work of the
gospel

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston
March 6. 1850.

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren

My thoughts have been much turned of late to the expediency of strengthening the mission to the Cherokees. It is a source of constant regret to me & to the Comee., that we do not see more fruit of our labor among this interesting people. The question has often arisen, "what can be done?" But difficulties present themselves at once; & it is for this reason that I have not called your attention to the subject, as I should otherwise have done. Some of these difficulties I will briefly & frankly state.

1. The Cherokees, as a people, do not seem to give heed to the gospel, as we have hoped & wished. The case is very different among the Choctaws; & the case is very different in many of our fields. I do not forget the early promise of the mission; nor do I forget the treatment which the Cherokees have received from the whites, whereby, probably, your labors have been rendered less successful than they would otherwise have been. Still the fact remains the same. The Indians do not profit by their opportunities, as we should have expected.

2. The claims of other missions are urgent. It is very important that some of these missions be much enlarged; & the prospect is that the demand for new laborers will be constant, at least for years to come.

3. The fact that none of the missionaries preach in the native language, & the expectation (as I suppose) that no adult white will ever qualify himself to preach in it, is a serious difficulty. No other mission is in this position. I know very well that God can, & does, bless his own ~~blessed~~ word when spoken thro' an interpreter; but it is not the natural way; & the truth is thereby made less effective & useful.

4. The new station at Lee's Creek, has not answered the expectations which I had formed in regard to it; & I presume others can say the same. Mr. Ranney seems to be disappointed, & others think a mistake has been committed. I am not imputing blame to any one; I merely state what I suppose to be facts.

5. The interference of preachers & laborers connected with other denominations, is another difficulty. We always like to have our missions saved from the evil effects ~~from~~ of such collisions; & we aim to keep them by themselves, in all ordinary cases. And this for two reasons. (1) There is enough to be done; so that we are not under any constraint to come in contact with others. (2) It is of evil influence, in many ways, to do so.

But I will not pursue this train of remark. I have spoken with frankness, as I know you would have me; & I am happy in being able to say also, that I do not regard these obstacles as insuperable. We are willing to consider the claims of the Cherokees; especially at the present ~~time~~ moment, when we have better prospects in respect to missionaries than we have had for some time. Nay, more. We are anxious to give greater efficiency to your mission, that it may tell more directly & powerfully on the people around you.

The question then is, "Have the mission any judicious plan, or can they devise one, for the more speedy evangelizing of the Cherokees?" This will raise two inquiries.

1. Are the members of the mission doing all they can, all that needs to be done, with the agencies already in their power. Are you, dear brethren, doing all that in you lies to carry the salvation of Christ to those that know it not? Had you the spirit of Paul or Brainerd or Martyn, would you be more abundant & earnest in your labors? Again. Do you turn the aid of pious natives to as much account as you may? Are you seeking to enlist your church members in your work, first of all endeavoring to form them after the model of the Great Missionary, that they may prefer the doing of his will to all things else? And I cannot pass from this topic, without expressing my unceasing & profound regret that our Bro. Foreman, with his rare qualities for preaching, does not devote himself to it! Could he resolve to know only Jesus Christ & him crucified; could he see this matter, as I think he will one day see it; could he go thro' the nation with the fire of Whitefield: how much would he effect for the souls of his people! What a talent is committed to this brother!

2. Do you need more missionaries? This is a very grave inquiry, & one that needs to be carefully & prayerfully considered. Is it expedient, all things considered, to add to our expenditures for this mission, already large; & also urge young men, who are looking to other fields, to turn from them, & cast in their lot with you? On this point we want the matured & united opinions of all the brethren. Individuals have alluded to this subject in their letters some.

The mission passed a vote in Sept. 1849, saying that they felt it "very important that at least two individuals be sent" to labor as evangelists". But tho' I expected to hear more of the matter, I did not.

If the mission come deliberately to the conclusion that additional missionaries are needed, two things will be requisite to get them. (1) A programme or plan of what they will be expected to do. (I have serious doubts whether the scheme of having evangelists will succeed, but I will not forestall that question.) Let us know where they are to labor; what the encouragement is; & whether there will be interference from other denominations. (2) The mission must draw up an appeal for laborers. It is a general rule with us, that the missions must get their reinforcements; that is, they send us statements & appeals, which we can publish, & so bring out the men. In all ordinary cases, this is the way the thing is effected. Lay out your strength then in putting the case before the public, touching upon the history of the mission, its bright morning, its clouded noon, & presenting the actual condition of the nation now, with its wants, &c &c. Do this, as you may; & if you really ought to have missionaries, all things considered, you will get them.

Very truly
Yours
in the fellowship of the
common salvation

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
March 9. 1851.

Rev. D. S. Butrick.
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 29 has been duly received & perused with pleasure. I regret to find that your health has suffered of late; but I hope to learn soon that you are better. I was much interested in your journal, giving an account of your visit to Grand River &c; & I did hope to publish something from it; but the excess of matter for the Herald made it impossible.

I am sorry that our station at Lee's Creek has brought us into any apparent collision with the Baptists. It is one of our rules to keep clear of "another man's line of things;" & I should have been utterly opposed to commencing operations in a field, where others claimed the ground with any sufficient reason. But I shall write to the mission on this subject & perhaps the letter will accompany the present communication.

I herewith send a letter of some importance. May the Great Head of the Church give the mission all needed wisdom in discussing & deciding so grave a matter.

Affectionately your brother in Christ
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
March 7. 1850.

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren:

1. In my letter of Feb. 12, in which I communicated the action of the Com. in Mr. Butler's case, I stated that I should apply at once to Rev. Mr. Hemenway, formerly of the Siam mission, to take charge of the station at Fairfield. After a good deal of delay, I have received an answer, in which he declines acceding to my proposal; inasmuch as he still hopes to go back to Siam. I have set inquiries on foot in other directions; & shall not rest, till I find some one to occupy that post. We cannot wait for a student, but must look for a missionary among those who have already begun to preach.

2. The state of things at Lee's Creek has given me some uneasiness; & as I have received communications, not only from Mr Ranney, but from two others, I will bring the subject directly to the notice of the mission. I presume Mr Ranney will approve of this course, in the circumstances. Had I any doubt on this point, I should write to you this time. Indeed, I have already touched upon this matter in a letter which he will have received before this reaches the Cherokee country.

Cannot the mission take the matter up, &

come to some understanding with our Baptist brethren? It seems to me better that the mission should act in the case, & thereby relieve Mr. Ranney of an unpleasant responsibility. One of two things, I suppose, is true. Either we are fairly entitled to the ground, or they are. If the former, cannot the other brethren be made to see the matter in its true light, & yield the place to Mr. Ranney? I should hope so certainly. If they had a prior right, (in which case I should ask how the Comee of the mission fixed upon this location?) perhaps, all things considered, our Baptist brethren will relinquish the place. We may plead, I suppose, a misapprehension as to the facts, & express our regret that we have encroached upon their territory. We may also urge the expenditure which we have made in this ignorance of the circumstances of the case, & ask them to direct their labors to some other part of the nation, there being room both for the herdmen of Lot & the herdmen of Abraham. With the Secs of the Baptist Miss. Soc. we are on the most friendly terms; & I feel sure that they would do all that Christian men ought to do in the premises.

I am anxious to get this matter into better position; for our Comee will feel a little unpleasantly, if they find they are to break up a station, where it should not have been, or abandon the buildings, at considerable loss of property.

Fraternally, as ever,

yours in the Lord Jesus

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
March 12. 1850.

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren

You will naturally expect to hear from me, about this time, in regard to the Dwight boarding school. The subject has occupied my thoughts very frequently since my return from Europe; but I must confess that hitherto I have found the problem too hard for me. There are difficulties in the case, necessary & intrinsic, which may well occasion some perplexity. Hence, in part, the embarrassment which has been felt by us, as well as by yourselves. But the matter is made still worse for the Com. by the non-*action* (& the possible non-*agreement*) of the mission. As a general rule, we look to our brethren abroad for assistance in solving all questions of doubt & difficulty. We are largely dependant on them for the facts which are to guide us; & their opinions are often of great value, not to say, indispensable. In the present instance, however, though we have all or nearly all the facts which enter into the case, we have not a clear & definite opinion from the mission on the points before us.

To the history of this question I need not recur. Mr. Isaac Worcester was authorized to obtain a steward & his wife, in the place of Mr & Mrs. Hitchcock, who were anxious to leave their present posts; also a lady to perform the offices heretofore discharged by Miss Stetson. Messrs Butler

& Worcester were requested, at the instance of the Prud. Com.ee, to write to them, fully & particularly, what sort of persons were needed, & what would be expected of them. This they did, faithfully & satisfactorily. The result has been, however, that no steward has been found; & there is little or no hope that any will be found. The mission were apprized of this fact prior to their Sept. meeting; yet no plan was proposed for the consideration of the Com.ee In the circumstances, the omission seems to have been perfectly excusable. In the absence of Mr. Willey, to say nothing of others, & without a knowledge of his wishes, it would have been hardly proper to come to any final decision. Still the embarrassment now is just the same: for we are in utter darkness as to what the mission, all things considered, would recommend. I have written to Mr. Willey for the purpose of obtaining his views; but he has declined communicating them; on the ground that the responsibility of the correspondence on the subject belongs to the committee appointed for this business. I regret that he has taken this course; & I trust that others will not follow the precedent.

I have taken the advice of the Prud. Com. in the premises, & they say that they can do nothing at present. They desire the mission to give the subject a deliberate & prayerful consideration, & report the result. We want your *united* wisdom; & if you cannot agree among yourselves, we shall probably do nothing. And I may add that it would seem to be very important, if not indispensable, that Mr Willey should come cordially into any plan that may be proposed, if he is to be the missionary at the station.

S. B. Treat.

Before I close, I will throw out two or three suggestions & inquiries. I can think of only four plans to be considered. 1. The suspension of the school. 2. A day-school, & nothing more. 3. A day-school, with so many boarders as can be accommodated in the families at Dwight. 4 The present system substantially, a steward, &c being obtained to take the place of Mr. Hitchcock. The last of these plans seems to be out of the question. Is the 3d practicable? How many pupils can be boarded at Dwight? Misses Orr & Day being away, & Mrs. Willey having finished her earthly labors, I should think very few. I have not heard from Mr. Hitchcock, & know not, therefore, what his plans are. If he should remove, who can take any boarders? As to the 2d plan, how many day-scholars will attend? I have supposed very few. Am I mistaken?

You will not lose sight of another consideration, viz, that such an arrangement should be made, as will commend itself to the teacher who may take the place of Miss Palmer. If we obtain a female for the post, will she be contented & happy?

If you should come back to the first hypothesis, viz, that of "suspension," grave questions will present themselves, which will need all your wisdom. How shall the station be kept up? What shall be done with the houses, farm, &c? But I will not enlarge.

Praying that you may have light from the Great Source of light, & commending you to the Master whom we all serve, I remain,

Most truly & fraternally yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 12. 1851.

Rev. W. Willey.
Cher. Nation.

Dear Brother.

I sent two letters to Mr. Butrick last week, addressed to the mission; & herewith I send another, which you will have the goodness to lay before the brethren at the first opportunity. Indeed, if there is no meeting of the mission to be held soon, it will be best to send it to the other members, without waiting for a general convocation. I suppose, however, that there will be occasion for a meeting this spring.

As I have discussed several important matters in the letters to the mission, I will reply to yours of last Jan. rather briefly.

1. I regret very much that you did not answer my questions in regard to the Dwight boarding school. When the general subject came before the Com. I read a part of my letter; also your reply, declining to give your views on the premises. The Com. expressed their surprise that you should have taken such a course, & wished me to say that they regarded you as having failed in your duty therein. The fact that there was a Com. of correspondence does not, in their view, make any difference in the case.

2. You say "the question has occurred why you do not communicate with the Sec. of the mission". I did not know

before that any one especially or wished that I should have more correspondence with the Sec. of [illegible] you not mean [illegible] than any one else. I write letters (1) to individuals, (2) to the mission. The latter I send to one or another, just as circumstances seem to make advisable. I am often governed by the postage consideration. If the mission wish so, I will send my letters to such person as they shall name.

3. I have received no communication, written or verbal, from your friends, in regard to your children. I shall be happy to confer with them on the subject; but I do not feel that I know enough of the case to give any advice at present.

4. I am sorry that a different selection was not made for the office of principal of the Male Cherokee Seminary. With my present knowledge of the facts, I should have endeavored to put the matter in a different shape.

5. Mr. Day was not dismissed till after the Jan. Herald was published. His name was left in by Mr. [illegible], correctly in the circumstances.

6. I have had no intimation before, so far as I remember, that Sophronia Hitchcock was not teaching, at least a part of the time. We get correct information on such points only as it is communicated.

I am sorry that I am obliged to write in some haste. Kind regards to your associates.

Very affectionately
& sincerely yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
March 17, 1851

Rev. T. E. Ranney
Cher. Mission

Dear Brother.

On further reflection, I have thought it best to have the question of your relations to the Baptists around you brought before the mission, & to relieve you of an unpleasant responsibility, as far as may be, I have concluded to write to them myself. Accordingly I sent a letter to Bro. Butrick, last week, which he will have received already, & which he will show you. I sincerely hope that some plan may be devised to put the matter in a better shape.

You will learn from Messrs Butrick & Willey that I have written on several topics recently of some importance. May you have wisdom to do all things as they should be.

Christian regards to Mrs Ranney.

Very truly & affectionately
Yrs
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 10th 1851

Rev. C. C. Copeland
Mount Pleasant

Dear Brother

Your favor of Jan. 21, containing the minutes of the meeting held at Wheelock, has been duly received; as also the letter of Jan. 22. The action of the Com. in the case of Mr. Williams you will have learned from my letter to the mission. All things considered, it did not seem advisable to favor his joining you. And I am happy to say that I have the prospect of sending a reinforcement from [illegible] Seminary. I have been endeavoring to awaken an interest in your mission in that institution; & there are 2 or 3 who think very seriously of listening to the call. I hope to go thither early next week to see them, & answer their questions at length. Should we obtain 2 of the next graduating class, I think you will be satisfied that this is better than sending Mr Williams to aid you for a season.

What you have said in regard to the support or compensation of native helpers, I have carefully read; but I have not laid the matter before the Com. because I did not see just what to say. Mr. Hill has already informed you of the action of the Com. a few weeks since. As I understand your letter, you will need something more; but precisely how much, I do not know. I trust you will employ all the native assistance that can be profitably used; & I have no doubt the Comee will foot the bill. If you can say what sum you will need from us (if any) additional to what has been already granted, I will request them to make a special appropriation.

Our matters are in the general prosperous. The receipts are coming in very well; & young men are offering themselves for the missionary work more readily than heretofore. From the missions also we hear in the main pleasant tidings. The cause is advancing. Would that the wheels might move faster. Pray, dear brother, that the work may be accomplished, & the promises fulfilled.

My own health has been quite comfortable of late; & I perform the labors of my station with pleasure & ease. Mr Anderson is pretty well. I am glad to hear that you are so well.

Please to present my kind regards to Mrs. C. & any of the Indian brethren who may remember me.

I remain very lovingly
& fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
March 15. 1855.

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

Your favors of Jan. 26 & Jan. 29 have been received & read with pleasure, as are all your letters. I rejoice most sincerely that you & Mrs Kingsbury are still spared for the Master's work; & I hope he will vouchsafe to you strength to do much more in his vineyard. Still the night, in which no man can work, is rapidly approaching. Hence it becomes us to be always ready to lay our armor down. How sweet it will be to rest, when our Heavenly Father calls us to it; but before that day, neither you nor I would cease from our labors.

The action of the Comee in the case of Mr Williams you will have already learned. We gave the matter a good deal of thought; but we thought it not best on the whole to favor his joining you. But I have good news to tell you in regard to a reinforcement. Two or three students in Andover Seminary are "almost persuaded" to devote themselves to the missionary work among the Choctaws. I hope to see them & talk with them at length in regard to the matter at an early day. I feel quite confident you will have two at least to join you this year

I have noticed what you say in regard to Mr. [illegible], in Mississippi. If I am not mistaken, his wife has recently deceased. Will this event bring him into connection with you? As bearing upon this general subject, I will say that we shall have no difficulty, for the present at least, in procuring young men in our Seminaries, as they shall be wanted to keep your force adequate to the demands upon it. The readiness of theological students to give themselves to the miss. work is much greater than it has been. I say this, that you may not feel driven to call in the aid of persons of inferior qualifications, because you cannot have the cooperation of such as you would have, if you could. I believe we can make the Choctaw mission as strong in the number of its clerical laborers as it need be.

In regard to the class of helpers there is more difficulty. I hope, however, that Mr. Byington will look up some men & women of the right sort, if he comes to New England this summer, to see an [illegible]. A missionary from the field can do this business better than any one else. I dread the responsibility of sending out stewards, &c., more than any thing else which I do. I have not forgotten Mr. [illegible]'s case; tho' that was one of Mr. Greene's arrangements. Mr. B. is now preparing for the ministry. On receiving your letter in reply to Mr. Wills, I wrote to him, saying that if he ~~pleased~~ wished, I would lay his claim before the Come; but I advised him to let the matter drop. He has taken my advice.

If you should want Mr. Williams' daughter, in case of a vacancy in the teaching department, perhaps you can have her, tho' the father does not join you. Of her qualifications I can form no opinion from such materials as these. On that point your judgment will be better than mine.

I do not understand from your letter that you wish a steward to be procured for Pine Ridge. You have expectations, it seems, from Mr Judson; & I suppose the question of his going to you cannot be decided for some time to come. If he should fail you, Mr Byington might look for some one to fill the place. I am glad that you have Geo. Freeman. I saw him at Wright's. Give my regards to him.

I thank you for the hint in regard to Dr. Hodge. I staid with him when I was at Little Rock, & had a very pleasant time. I have supposed, however, that I was not in very good odor among the pious people there. Rev. Mr. Greene, the Presb. clergyman, sent me a message thro' Mrs. Strong which led me to infer as much.

I have not heard any thing further from Miss Stark in regard to her appointment. What you say of her, is duly noted, & accords with my own impressions. I think highly of her.

I desire to be affectionately remembered to Mrs K., Miss Bennett & Miss Goulding.

With much esteem & Christian love

I am as ever yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
March 27. 1851.

Rev. Mr. Gilbert
Andover, Mass.

Rev. & dear Sir.

I recently asked the Rev. Anson Gleason, if he could name a good man to go to the Cherokee mission, in place of Mr. Fuller, who is to take charge of a national high school. He replied at once by mentioning yourself as a very suitable person for such a service; & he also said that the subject of foreign missions had been before your mind. The station which I wish to have occupied is Fairfield, the best in the mission; & I am anxious to have some one go thither without delay. It will not be necessary to learn the language, as the missionary preaches in the Cherokee.

I will not go into details in this letter. My object is to inquire if you are willing to consider the question of going to this field. If so, it will be best for you to come to Boston, & have an interview with me, & perhaps with my associates. If there are indispensable obstacles to your entertaining the subject, I will look elsewhere. Please to let me hear from you at your earliest convenience.

Fraternally & very truly
yours
S. B. Treat. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston
April 4. 1857. 1851.

To Rev. W. N. Adams,
Quincy, Illinois.

Dear Brethren,

Your favor of March, 1857, I received yesterday; & as the Com. met in the afternoon, I laid the subject therein discussed before them at once. We regret the continued ill health of Mrs. Adams, & pray the great Head of the Church to restore her to her former strength. In the mean time, we hope & trust that the presence of the Lord will be with you both, & sanctify this trial to your greater usefulness & fuller enjoyment of the divine favor.

As to your course hereafter, I am authorized to say, that you have the sanction of the Com. to remain away from the mission six months or a year longer, provided it shall seem necessary or advisable, after taking the advice of judicious friends. We mention the term of 12 months, in the alternative, because you may wish to make arrangements for preaching that shall run forward a number of months. It is one of those cases, where much must be left to the sound discretion of the missionary; & we have confidence that you will act with wisdom in the premises.

Please to express my Christian sympathy to Mrs. Adams, & believe me, Yours truly & fraternally, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 9. 1851.

To the Ojibwa Mission.

Dear Brethren.

When the Prud. Com. requested me to take charge of the Indian missions, I had but little knowledge of the precise state of things in the field which you occupy. I assumed that the best arrangements had been made for your labors, & thought only of aiding in carrying forward a system of operations already commenced. Since then, however, I have gained considerable information from various sources in regard to the state of the mission; & some changes of importance have taken place. It has seemed to me to be fit & proper, therefore, that we should consider the plans & labors of our brethren among the Ojibwas anew, & see if any thing in the shape of reconstruction or rearrangement is desirable. With this feeling I have taken the opinion of the Prud. Com. & now write to inform you of their views.

You are already apprised of the efforts made during the past winter by Mr Wheeler & myself to induce the U. S. Govt to let the La Pointe Indians remain where they are. The Comr of Indian Affairs has not as yet announced the decision of the President. I hope it will be favorable, but I

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am not confident that this will be the case. I think some things, however, are pretty certain; as (1) that these Indians will not be required to remove at present, for want of the necessary preliminary arrangements; & (2) that they will not be driven away from the home which they now occupy by force, tho' their annuities may perhaps be taken from them. Should your Indians, therefore, devote themselves to agriculture, &c., which is their true policy in every point of view, & increase the number & size of their farms, it seems to me highly probable that they would become fixed where they now are.

Assuming this to be probable, though not certain, what ought the policy of the mission to be hereafter? This is an important inquiry, & involves many points. I will give the views of the Com. on such as we have discussed.

1. We think there should be but one station. The number of the Indians does not seem to require or justify any thing more than this; and there is no reason to expect a favorable change in this particular.

2. The "one station" we think should be at the River. This seems to be the most desirable point for making an impression on the band. And the more settled & industrious they become, the more will the superiority of this station appear.

3. We wish the system of operations to be made more aggressive. In other words, we desire that there may be as much preaching, formally & from house to house, as

the strength of the mission will permit. So far as we can judge, the making of books has been carried about as far as is expedient for the present. And in this connection I will remark,

4. That Henry Blatchford should devote himself, with earnestness & full consecration of heart, to the business of making known Christ & him crucified to his people. He should follow them to Bad River, & wherever else he can get access to them, & labor in season & out of season for their spiritual welfare. This plan will involve the removal of his family to Bad River during a part of the year; where provision should be made for his residence there in some economical way. Mr Wheeler has my views on this point.

5. Our impression is that Mr. Pulsifer's services are more needed at Bad River than at La Pointe, especially since the changes which have recently taken place at the latter. We do not say that he had better go there immediately, (though it appears to us a more hopeful field for him to occupy;) but if the mission think there are good reasons for his staying where he is, we will be happy to take them into consideration. Should he go to Bad River, it will not be best at present to incur any great expense for buildings. Let us wait till we know whether the Indians are to stay where they are, & also whether the Govt. will do any thing for schools, & if so, what.

6. If Mr. Pulsifer leaves La Pointe, & a teacher is needed there, the mission are authorized to hire a female for this purpose. And we wish the question considered, whether the families who shall be benefitted by the school cannot do something for its support.

But what shall the missionary who has no station, according to the preceding views, do with himself? I answer, 1.

1. It does not seem expedient for him to make any change immediately. We doubt whether the time has come for commencing a new station, though we would not decide this question finally. If either of the missionaries should wish to occupy a new post at once, we would consider the matter.

2. Let us keep our eyes open, & see where Providence opens a place for our efforts. I wish a portion of the Ojibwas could be seated beyond La Pointe, on the Lake, as I have suggested to the Indian Department; but I do not suppose they will be. Perhaps Leech Lake will be the most desirable place to be occupied.

3. We think that the brother who commences a new station should have the assistance of Henry, or of Mr. Pulsifer, if he is in= [illegible], & possibly of both.

4. The plan of operations at the new station should be aggressive; that is, there should be as much preaching as may be.

The foregoing views, dear brethren, are submitted to your prayerful consideration. And may the Great Missionary give you wisdom & grace to do all his will.

Fraternally & most
sincerely, yours
S. B. Treat, Secy.

N. B. By the new postage law, there will be a saving if you & we prepay our letters. We hope, therefore, that you will prepay all your letters to the Miss. House after June 30, & we will prepay ours to you.
S. B. T.

Miss. House, Boston
April 9, 1851.

Rev. S. Hall,
Ojibwa Mission.

Dear Brother.

I have been expecting to write to you for some time; but I have hoped almost daily, to receive a communication from the Indian Department, which would enable me to speak more definitely in regard to some matters in which your mission are interested; & so have postponed doing any thing, till the time has come when something must be said. The letter which accompanies this, addressed to the mission, contains a few thoughts which have been gaining strength from day to day, the more I have known about the state of things among you. It is strictly in accordance with principles which we regard as fundamental in the missionary work.

If a sufficient number of Indians could be collected on Lake Superior, between you & Fond du Lac, I should wish to have a station commenced there; & so would the Com. I presume. But I have not much hope of this. If we are to go farther west, Leech Lake seems to me to be the best place, on the whole; & yet I would not decide the question just now. Much depends upon the arrangements which shall be made for the occupancy of that region by the removed Indians. Great care will be needful to prevent difficulty & collision; & the Govt. does not always take the proper precautions.

Miss. House, Boston

I am much obliged to you for your long & interesting communication, giving an account of your journey to the country beyond the Mississippi. The facts therein presented may hereafter be very valuable. You will see what use I have made of your letter of Dec. 30 in the Herald. I think the statements published will excite not a little sympathy with the poor Indian. Your letter of Feb. 24 came to hand four days ago. If I have room in the May Herald, I shall insert an extract or two.

Mr Wheeler, I doubt not, has fully informed you of our visit to Washington, its object, & what encouragement we received. Hence I need not go into that matter. I hope for a good result. I think we made an impression upon the Com.r

The matters of business in your letter of Feb. 24 I have passed over to Mr Hill, & your wishes will be attended to, I have no doubt. You will receive the Bib. Sacra.

Christian regards to Mrs H. & Henry, & the latter I hope will be pleased, that we wish to make him as useful as possible. His knowledge of the language is a talent that should not lie idle.

Very affectionately &
respectfully
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms. Boston
April 9, 1851.

Mr. Charles Pulsifer,
Ojibwa Mission.

Dear Brother

As I have written a long letter to the mission, I have time to say but a few words to you. You will see that we have proposed some important changes; & hope they will commend themselves to all concerned.

You will perceive that you are interested in one of these changes. I do not know how you will feel about removing to Bad River; hence we do not decide the question. Still we hope that you will be disposed to go, as it seems to us that is the place for you to make the most impression upon the Indians. Should you be in favor of going, no further action on our part will be necessary. You can remove as soon as you please.

You may feel the force of some objections to your changing your location, which I do not understand. The difficulty growing out of personal inconveniency, I hope may be removed. Mr Wheeler has some plans in which you may be interested.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. P.
Very truly & sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 14. 1857.

Capt. Wm. Houghton
Dana, Mass.

Dear Sir.

I received last Friday a letter from Mr. Hancock, informing me of the death of his wife; & I now take the first leisure moment which I have had since that time, to express to you & Mrs. Houghton my heartfelt sympathy in this hour of your bereavement. May the God of consolation strengthen & uphold you; & may he give you a calm & joyful acquiescence in his holy will!

My acquaintance with Mrs. Hancock was slight. She spent a little time at my house, just before she went to the Ojibwas; & I formed a very favorable opinion of her character. Her death I feel to be a loss to myself & to the mission with which she was connected. And yet He who sees the end from the beginning, deemed it wise to remove her to a higher sphere of service; & blessed be his holy name!

You have much to comfort you in the death of your daughter. Her end was happy, such as became a Christian. I have three children, & I ask for them nothing better than such a death in such a service. Were it revealed to me that this would be the termination of their earthly course, I would say, "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace." It is good for the Christian to lie down in his grave just when & where the Master appoints. But the grave of a missionary, in the field of his labor, is a privileged spot. Such your daughter regarded it. And she will never regret that she gave her last days to the poor Indians. No, never.

But I have not time to pursue this theme. Accept once more my sympathy, & my prayer that you may be blessed "with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ" &c.

Very respectfully
& affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

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We received [illegible] the valuable work of Mr. Schoolcraft published under your auspices; & I desire to express the thanks of my associates & myself for the same. It should have been acknowledged at an earlier day; but I was anxious to spend a little time in the examination of the book, that I might have some opinion of its worth. I think it contains a large amount of very useful & important information; & I sincerely rejoice that the U. S. Government have entered upon a plan which promises to do so much towards illustrating the history of the Indian race. And I know of no one who can collate the materials which may be gathered, with greater ability than Mr. Schoolcraft.

Very respectfully
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston
April 14. 1851

Hon. L. Lea,
Com.r of Ind. Affairs
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir

We received a few weeks since the valuable work of Mr. Schoolcraft, published under your auspices; & I desire to express the thanks of my associates & myself for the favor you have done us. I should have acknowledged your kindness at an earlier day; but I was anxious to spend a little time in the examination of the book, that I might have some opinion of its worth. I think it contains a large amount of very useful & important information; & I sincerely rejoice that the U.S. Government have entered upon a plan which promises to do so much towards illustrating the history of the Indian race. And I know of no one who can collate the materials which may be gathered, with greater ability than Mr. Schoolcraft.

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Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M

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Miss. House. Boston
April 22, 1851.

Rev. H. H. Spalding,
Calapooya, Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

Owing to my absence from the country last year, the business of my department has not received that prompt & thoughtful attention, in some cases, which I could have wished. This, indeed, was inevitable. Dr. Pomroy kindly did for me what he could; but having his own matters on hand, & being but imperfectly acquainted with the history of our missions, it was not to be expected that he would attempt any thing more than a general supervision.

I make these remarks as explaining what may seem to you a singular omission. The Prud. Com. have had for some years a regulation to this effect, viz, that any missionary accepting office from the civil government, in any country, thereby dissolves his connection with the Board. It is understood of course that the duties of the office assumed are inconsistent with his character or work as a missionary.

By the necessary operation of this rule, (which has taken effect in more cases than one,) you will see that your relation thus was terminated when you became an Indian Agent. I regret that you were not apprised of this at an earlier day; but when Dr. Pomroy wrote to you on the subject, Nov. 15, he had not the rule which

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I have already described ^his^ mind; he did not take the opinion of the Prud. Com. in the matter, not deeming it necessary; & on my return to the Miss. House my attention was not turned to the question.

In making this communication, you will not infer that I mean to controvert the decision you have made in taking the office which you now hold. I wish merely to inform you of the natural consequence of that act in one particular, presuming that you may not have so understood the case.

As to the amount of property to be allowed, you in view of your separation from us, I wish you to make out a statement of what you have received, & what you wish to retain, & submit the same to Messrs. Eells & Walker for their opinion. On receiving this statement, & also their recommendation, the Com. will be prepared to act in the premises.

We shall wish you to give such attention to the interests of the Board in Oregon as may be necessary, just as if you were in formal connection with us; & we shall expect to make you a suitable compensation therefor.

As our correspondence will not cease at this point, & as I am in no little haste, I will simply subscribe myself,

Fraternally –

Affect. regards to Mrs. S.

Yours

[illegible]

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 22, 1851.

Miss Harriet Hitchcock,
Waverly, Morgan Co. Ill.

Dear Miss H.

You may have received, before this reaches you, a letter from Mr. S. A. Worcester, proposing to you to join him at Park Hill. I write to say, that if you should decide to go thither, on receiving the application, the step will have my cordial approbation. I have been desirous of obtaining a teacher for that place for some time, & I shall be glad to have you accept the invitation, in the hope & expectation that you will be useful in that interesting field of labor.

I presume Mr. W. will give you the needful information in regard to your journey to Park Hill. Your natural course, I suppose, will be to proceed to St Louis; & there take a steamer to Napoleon, at the mouth of the Arkansas; thence go up the Arkansas to Van Buren or Fort Smith. To Dwight from the latter the distance is 26 miles. Should you stop in Little Rock, Dr. Dodge, I doubt not, will give you any advice or assistance which you may need. Please to say that I asked you to call on him. At Van Buren & Fort Smith you will find those who know your uncle very well.

Unless you shall have specific directions from Mr W. you had better write to him or Mr. Jacob Hitchcock just before you start on your journey, & request to have a letter sent to you at Little Rock, giving all the information which you need, to be found at the Post Office, or with Mr. Dodge.

As to company, I trust you will have no difficulty from ~~the~~ St Louis to Napoleon, you will not need any; also on the Arkansas, I presume. The mission will make arrangements for you beyond.

You will need some money for outfit & expenses. We have a Receiving Agent at St Louis, Geo. K. Budd, who will give you any reasonable & proper amount, & this letter will be a sufficient authority for his making the advance. You are also at liberty to draw on Henry Hill, Treasurer of the Am. Board, for such sums as you may need; & you will have no difficulty in getting such paper cashed. This letter will be sufficient evidence that Mr Hill will honor it.

If you decide to comply with Mr W's wishes in this matter, I pray the Lord to be with you & bless you in your journey & in your future labors.

Very respectfully
& sincerely
Yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston
April 26. 1851

Miss Lois W. Hall.
[illegible], Mass.

Dear Miss Hall.

Your letter of April 21, addressed to Mr Treat, has been placed in my hands for a reply. The vacancy at Park Hill may be supplied by a young lady who is already there; tho this is not quite certain. If she should not go there, I should be very happy to have you occupy the post. There is another school to be supplied, at Lee's Creek, where Mr Ranney is stationed. The children in that neighborhood, I presume, do not need a teacher of high qualifications. One who is prepared to take charge of a district school in New England would be fully competent.

I suppose a teacher will be needed at Wheelock on the Choctaw mission, or at some other place, in the course of a few months; tho I have not been requested as yet to procure one. Mr. Byington will be in this region in a short time, when I shall know more. The qualifications for the Choctaw schools are higher than in some others; tho I presume you are fully equal to the requirements of the most advanced. And I have no doubt you would be pleased to labor in that field.

In the present circumstances of this question, perhaps we had better allow the matter to rest for a short time, till I learn a little more definitely what will be needed. The summer is *not* the best season to enter upon missionary labor in the Indian country, hence nothing will be lost by waiting.

I rejoice that God has put it into your heart to look with favor upon the Indian missions. I pray him to add to your zeal & faith, & prepare you abundantly for his service.

As I shall have occasion, most probably, to write to you in the course of a few weeks, I will be obliged to you if you will keep me apprised of your address.

Very respectfully
& sincerely yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Hse. Boston
April 26. 1851

Hon. L. Lea,
Com. of Ind. Affairs.

Sir,

I have received a letter from Rev. S. Hall our missionary at La Pointe, in which he informs me that the Indians in that vicinity are to be removed early this summer. He also says that the agent has promised to plant for them at Fond du Lac, & he mentions other facts tending to show that they are to be collected there. May I take the liberty to ask what is the decision which the President has made in reference to these Indians. If they are to be removed to Fond du Lac, will they be permitted to remain there; or is another removal contemplated? If so at what time probably? I ask these questions, because our plans for the benefit of the Indians are materially dependent upon the plans of the Government.

Mr. Hall has also been told that the Crow Wing & Pokegama Indians are to be located on Mille Lac. Is it expected that they will continue in that region for any length of time.

I took the liberty to send you the Miss. Herald for May, a few days since.

Very respectfully & truly
yours, S. B. Treat. Sec. &c.

Miss. House Boston
April 26. 1851

Rev. E. Walker
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 19. came to hand April 22, & I seize the first leisure moment to reply. And first of all, I wish to relieve your mind in regard to my letter of Sept. 28. 1848. It was far, indeed, from our intention to prohibit your return to the States. We felt a strong desire that you might remain in Oregon, if the Lord should give you work to do; & we frankly said so. Still, if you had decided to come back, you would have run no risk of incurring the disapprobation of the Com. or the Board. We should have given you credit for Christian integrity & devotedness, & should have presumed that you had good reasons for the step which you took. And if you will look again at my letter written to the mission, Sept. 28. 1848 you will see that all this liberty was given to you in the premises. In that I expressed myself more fully on this point, as also on others, than in my letter to you; & I supposed that the mission letter would be taken as the fullest & fairest exponent of the views of the Comee.

In another part of your letter you say, "it is evident to my mind from what has been written to me member of that mission, that Mr Walker & myself will never be allowed to enter the service of the Board as missionaries among the heathen," &c. I suppose you refer to the proposition made to Mr Eells to go to the Sand. Islands. I have not time to enter into that matter at length; but I will just say (1) that it seemed to the Com^ee that there were good reasons for the plan submitted to him, & they had no intention of reflecting upon your mission any character; & (2) my letter to Mr Eells, Feb. 4, (sent to him for the reason therein named,) will show you that we are fully ready to employ you again in the missionary work. Should the way be open for your return to the Spokans, we shall rejoice to hear that you & Mr Eells are among them.

Should you decide not to resume your labors in your former fields, it may be advisable to have your connection with us terminated without much further delay. I hope the mission will take up the subject of allowances, & settle the question, so far as they are concerned, for each brother. We wish the opinion of all in each case.

I have no doubt you will watch the interests of the Board in Oregon, especially in regard to the claims for property destroyed &c. I have written to Mr Spalding & Mr Eells on this subject.

The Christian Mirror will be sent as you wish. Mr Hill will write as to some matters of business. Kind regards to Mrs Walker. Most fraternally

yours &c.

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
April 26, 1851

Rev. C. Eells,
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

Your favors of Dec. 17 & Jan. 12 have been duly received, & for them please to accept my thanks. I am glad that you & Mr. Walker are willing to give what assistance you can in protecting the interests of the Board in Oregon.

You will have received my letter of Feb. 4 before this reaches you, in which we propose that you & Mr W. return to the Spokans, should your own judgment favor the plan. If you shall come to this decision, of course the question of property & your interests there, will be materially changed.

Should you not return thither, the subject of your allowance, as also that of your brethren in the mission, will come up. We should be glad to have you all give us your opinions in regard to the case of each. In that way we can better arrive at the substantial equity of your respective allowances.

I have read what you say in regard to Mr. Spalding's appointment; & I am not altogether surprised. Dr. Pomroy wrote individually, approving of his accepting the office. I have not done so; nor have the Com. expressed any opinion on the premises. I have written to him that by a rule of

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the Com^a. His connection with us terminated when he accepted the agency. He was not informed of this regulation so soon as he should have been, in consequence of my visit to Europe, & the irregularity which has crept into the Indian department from the necessities of the case. Such a rule has been applied to other missionaries who have accepted offices inconsistent with the performance of the duties & labors ordinarily belonging to the members of our missions. I have requested Rev. S. to do, what he can for our interests, just as if he were still a missionary.

We have not acted upon your suggestion that a release be granted to you & Mr. Walker at this time, because we do not know but you will go back to the Cherokees. If that question shall be settled in the negative, it may be well that your connection with us be dissolved.

Your request in regard to the N.Y. Observer has been duly attended to. Christian greetings to the Bells.

I remain,
fraternally as ever
Yours &c
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
April 28. 1851.

Rev. D. S. Butrick,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of March 11 took me altogether by surprise, & has given me much pain. Neither the Comee nor myself have the least objection to your acting as clerk of the mission; on the contrary I was rather pleased that you had received & accepted the appointment. I am not quite sure that I know what it is in my "procedure" that has been a "testimony that the Prud. Com. did not approve," &c; but I suppose that you have reference to the fact that some of my letters to the mission have not been sent to you; perhaps also that I have corresponded less with you individually than I did with Mr. Worcester. Perhaps the following statement will relieve your mind.

My letters are addressed to missions, & to the members of missions in their individual capacity. I am getting more & more into the way of writing to the brethren collectively, in all cases where I can properly. There are obvious reasons for my doing so. Such letters become mission property, & should be kept by the clerk, after they have been read by all. But to whom shall they be sent in the first instance? Now I have never supposed that it was necessary or expedient that I should direct all to the clerk. There may be reasons for sending them to him, or to some one else. For instance; my recent reply to the action of the mission in Dr. Butler's case, was forwarded directly to him, as being the party chiefly interested in the question. I am often influenced by the question of postage. Our postage bill is very heavy; hence we strive to economize in sending our letters, where we can. Now if I were writing to Bro. Wrisley, & were at the same time despatching a letter to the mission, I should place it in an envelope with his, thereby saving half the postage. And if you look back 2 or 3 years, you will see that I have sent a number of communications to your mission on this principle.

Let me say a word of my practice in other cases. Mr C. C. Copeland is clerk of the Choctaw mission. It would be attended with manifest inconvenience, if I were to send mission letters to him; hence I never do it, but straight to one of the older brethren; sometimes to Bro. Byington as nearest; sometimes to Bro. Kingsbury or Bro. Wright as particularly interested in the matter discussed. In writing to the Dakota mission I never ask who is the clerk; but where had I better send my letter on other grounds. So with the New York Ind. mission. But I will not enlarge on this point. I have merely aimed at showing that I have no rule which guides me in such cases; hence there is nothing singular in my correspondence with your mission.

As to the second question; I presume it is true that I wrote more frequently to Bro. Worcester when he was clerk than I have done to you. And why? Simply because he brought before me, in his letters, more topics that needed an answer than you have done. I have not a distinct remembrance of all which I addressed to him; but I suspect that I should now make some of these letters & mission letters, were I to write again. Dr. Anderson's habit of corresponding mainly with missions especially within the last two years, has had its influence on me.

I said, dear brother, that your letter had given me much pain, & that for two reasons. 1. I regret exceedingly that I should have done any thing to occasion an unpleasant thought in your breast. There is no missionary brother with whom I correspond whom I more love & honor as a faithful servant of Jesus Christ than yourself; & I would not do the least thing to disturb your feelings, were there not a necessity laid upon me. 2. I am sorry that my motives in this thing have not been more readily understood. In no other case have I had an intimation that my course was unacceptable to any one. Why has it been so in your mission?

You will have learned already that I am perfectly willing to adopt any plan in regard to mission letters which the brethren shall prefer. After June 30, the postage consideration will have lost its weight pretty much.

I remain, dear brother,
Very truly & fraternally,
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
April 28. 1851.

Rev. J. W. Hancock,
Red Wing. M. T.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Feb. 18. was duly received; as was yours of March 22. The last took me altogether by surprise. I should not have been more shocked, had I heard of the death of any other member of your mission. And now I can hardly realize that you are alone! That God has sent loneliness & desolation into your dwelling! Yet so it is. And He does all things well. Precious thought for the Christian! There are no mistakes in his administration, no accidents: every thing happens in the right place & at the right time.

I have sometimes endeavored to realize the feelings of a bereaved husband. I have followed 4 children to the grave, but my dear wife is still spared to me. These are not experiences in the sorest of earthly bereavements; & nothing but experience, I am sure, can enable one to bring the mournful reality fully & strongly home to his mind. But though I can not understand your feelings in all their depth & bitterness, I can tender you my sympathy, from some little knowledge of this world's trials, & from an undoubting belief that it is always our privilege to weep with those that weep. One thing I have learned in the deep waters; that is, Christ is a wonderful High Priest! Go to him, dear brother, with all your sorrows. Pour them into his bosom without hesitation or fear. He will be pleased with this mark of confidence on your part; he will not send you away empty.

Your dear wife has finished her course. She died young; but it was not a day sooner than God had appointed. And Oh! the change. A few days since she was in your home; now she is in God's house. A few days since, she was your companion; now she is the companion of the just made perfect; now she is "like the angels." Follow her in thought to that bright world, & strive to put on the [illegible] of the place. Let heaven grow now before

I am your [illegible] the case brought before the Com. [illegible] At your request of writing a few words of condolence to the father & mother of your deceased wife. I hope [illegible] from them in reply indeed. I hardly expected [illegible] any more. [illegible] both of Mr. [illegible] & yourself, the Com. have cheerfully [illegible]

I remain, dear brother, [illegible] your affectionate [illegible] of the most affectionately yours,

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[illegible] It gives me pleasure to announce Treat.

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1. Learn to preach fluently & acceptably in the native tongue; I could not [illegible] [illegible] to you

Lay me much in the [illegible]

Miss. House. Boston
April 30. 1850
Rev. O. P. Stark,
Good Land. Choct. Na.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Jan. 31. did not reach me till March 19; why, I do not know. As you intimated that other testimonials might be received, I have been waiting, from week to week, in the expectation of receiving them. Yesterday, however, I concluded to have the case brought before the Com. without any further delay; & though in any ordinary case the papers would be insufficient, in view of your connection with the Mission for so long a time, & their favorable opinion both of Mrs. S. & yourself, the Com. have cheerfully & unanimously appointed you assistant missionary of the Board. I suppose the Choctaw presbytery will give you ordination; in which case, you will become a missionary in full.

It gives me pleasure to announce the fact of your relation being thus formally established; & I hope & expect that your labors among the Choctaws will be owned of our gracious Lord & Master. To this end, will you permit me to urge upon your attention two things as of prime importance.

1. Learn to preach fluently & acceptably in the native tongue. I could not, if [illegible] for urging it upon you, say too much on this point.

2. Be eminently Scriptural in your preaching. Endeavor to wield the Sword of the Spirit with all the skill & strength you can command. Let your labor in preparing sermons be expended in making the Word efficient & penetrating.

Of course you will appreciate the importance of being "in the Spirit," not only on the Lord's day, but at all times. Let your whole soul be filled with Christ & his blessed truth.

I have read with much interest the account which you give of your labors & trials. The latter, I trust, will become less & less, as your station grows older. And whatever may be wanting in your outward circumstances, I pray God to make up, & much more, in the consolations of his grace. An extract from your letter you will have seen in the Herald.

If Mr. Byington shall visit New England this summer, as I expect, I shall be in favor of his taking out a teacher for Good Land. I do not know of any other opportunity to send out one; though there may be.

Please to give my Christian love to Mr Field. I trust he is doing what he can for the Choctaws; & I pray the Great Head of the Church to give him abundant gifts for his service. May his profiting appear unto all.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. Stark, whose countenance, as I retain very distinctly in my Choctaw memories.

Fraternally &
yours sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
May 1. 1851.

Mr. Abraham Redfield
Fort Scott, Bates Co.
Missouri.

Dear Sir.

Your letter of Feb. 6 [illegible] before me; [illegible] from [illegible]. It gave me pleasure to receive your letter without date; especially as our thoughts are now turned towards the Osages. The money which was to be paid for Union & Harmony, under the treaty between our Govt & the Cherokees, has been paid over to us; & we are now inquiring what we shall do with it. We have requested Mr Worcester, of Park Hill, Cher. Nation, to make such inquiries, personally or otherwise, as he can, & report to us the result. I suppose he will visit the Osage country this spring; his route; & the extent of his tour, I do not know. It is possible you may hear of or see him at some point in his journey; & it is also possible that any communication which you may wish to make to him at Park Hill, will reach him before he leaves home; though I doubt it.

I shall esteem it a favor to receive letters from you, & your former associates, on the general question of our resuming operations among the Osages. Any facts which you may give us, which can assist us in our deliberations, will be thankfully received. Unfortunately I know far less respecting the field than I could wish.

Very respectfully yours
S. B. Treat. Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House. Boston
May 1. 1851.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cher. Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of Feb. 4 & April 1 are before me; the former having been nearly six weeks on its way hither. As I have written very fully to the mission on some general topics, I will confine myself in this communication to such as relate more especially to yourself.

1. I received two days ago a letter from Mr. Abraham Redfield, Fort Scott, Bates Co. Missouri, in regard to the Osages. He seems to have known nothing of our late movements in this matter, but supposes that the money which was to be paid to the Board for Union & Harmony stations had not been received. He evidently wishes that something might be done, though he proposes no plan, his letter being very brief. He says he is "satisfied that a Protestant mission would be acceptable, especially to those who have been educated in Protestant schools." I have just written to him, explaining the state of the question, your proposed journey, & requesting him to write me more at large. Perhaps he may address you. What sort of a man is he?

2. I have written to Miss H. Hitchcock, as you suggested. I expressed my cordial approbation of her going to Park Hill, in case she received an application to that effect from you; & I also gave such directions in regard to funds, routes, &c, as occurred to me. She will probably need the assistance of the mission in the latter part of her journey; & she may

write; as I suggested, to some of you on the subject. I wish it were easier to get females to the Choctaw & Cherokee missions.

3. You will receive herewith a printed letter, asking for materials that will aid me in preparing the Annual Report. I have no doubt you will answer fully. The press is not mentioned therein; but it is not forgotten of me, & will not be by you, I presume.

4. Will you request Mrs. W. & Ann Eliza to answer the questions enclosed in this envelope? We wish to possess materials for a biographical notice of all your fellow laborers. Should we ever have occasion to use them.

Your brother & his family are about as usual. Kind regards to Mrs. W. & all the children, with your associates at Park Hill.

I remain, as ever,

Most affectionately

yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
May 1. 1851.

Rev. C. Butler, M. D.
Tahlequah, Cher. Na.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Feb. 13 was duly received.
1. In regard to your accepting the appointment to the High School, I need say nothing. You are already informed that the Com. fully approve the step which you have taken. May the Great Head of the Church crown your labors with abundant success.

2. I have noticed what you say respecting the bell. It can either remain where it is, without any formal action of the Com^{ee} to be reclaimed in certain contingencies, as the suspension of the School, or special need of it elsewhere; or, we can act upon the question now. If you & the brethren think it best for us to make an outright & final gift of it to the School, please to let me know; as also the weight & worth of the article.

3. I have sometimes regretted that I was not at home when Miss Vann & Ross were in Boston, in pursuit of teachers. Perhaps things would have turned out just as they did in all respects; but it would have given me pleasure to aid them according to my ability.

4. I have not yet obtained a missionary for Fairfield, though I have tried, & shall still try. To several applications I have received a negative.

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5. Who will send the report for Fairfield, that I may have the materials for our Annual Report? I suppose I must look to you; & accordingly I send a printed letter, such as I send to all the stations. Please to answer it in full. As you are still in connection with us, it will be proper to say something of your present position. What shall it be? What is the name of the Seminary technically; & what the name of the place where it is located, if it has a name?

6. Will you have the goodness to answer the enclosed questions, & ask Mr. & Mrs. Smith to do the same.

I am, as ever,
very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat.

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I am not sure that we ought to continue our operations just as they are. The question arises often, "Is the money which we expend at Cattaraugus wisely laid out?" I am not able to answer the inquiry. The world is open to us. The calls are loud & numerous for help. Shall we keep on at Cattaraugus, just as we have been doing, when have received there is so little fruit! I wish I knew what to say.

Miss. House, Boston
Mar 1. 1858.

Rev. Asher Bliss
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Jan. 24, as also the long communication which you were so kind as to send to me in March, were duly received. I am greatly obliged to you for them, & they have given me a better idea of the state of things among you than I had before. I must say, however, that they have not relieved my mind in regard to the difficulties on your Reservation.

I have bestowed some thought on the question, "What shall be done at Cattaraugus?" And I have asked the advice of the Prud. Com. The result is, we do not know what to do. The problem appears at present too hard for us to solve. It is now nearly two years since I made you a visit. I thought then that quiet was needed more than any thing else, as it is by a feverish patient. But things have not turned out so favorably as I hoped.

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In view of all the circumstances, the Com. wish me to visit Cattaraugus at an early day, & see for myself, & confer with the brethren, as to what is best to be done. I would gladly be excused from such a journey; but I now expect to be with you in this month. I hope to leave Boston about the 17th inst.

As I may see you face to face very soon I will not discuss the several topics presented in your letter. We can talk them over far better.

I send herewith a printed letter, which please to answer in due time.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. Bliss & the children.

I remain, as ever,
Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston

It is not convenient [illegible] to leave just now; but I shall endeavor to [illegible] you [illegible] time in the present month. As [illegible], I hope to leave Boston in about two weeks.

As I am to see you so soon, I will not discuss any matters of common interest which may be discussed [illegible] when we shall be together.

Kind regards to Mrs. Wright.

I am, as ever,
most truly
Yours
S. B. Treat.

P.S. I send herewith a printed letter which please to answer in due time. The [illegible] of the [illegible] you write of [illegible] mention.

Miss. House Boston
May 1. 1858

Rev. Asher Wright,
N.Y. Ind. Mission.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of March 20 & April 16 I have duly received; & last Tuesday I took the advice of the Comee as to what course I shall take in reference to the topics therein discussed. The result is that they wish me to visit Cattaraugus, & see with my own eyes, then form an opinion & report to them.

It is not convenient for me to leave just now; but still I shall endeavor to be with you some-time in the present month. As at present advised, I hope to leave Boston in about two weeks.

As I am to see you so soon, I will not discuss any matters of common interest now. May the Lord give us all wisdom when we shall be together.

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Miss. Rooms. Boston
May 1. 1850

Rev. J. Potter,

Dear Brother.

Your letter of March 24 I have been received & read with pleasure. I thank you for giving me so full an account of the schools, meetings, &c. Aside from the gratification you afford us in this way, it is the wisest policy. We take the most interest in what we know the most about; & if a missionary does not make any report, we do not feel quite certain always that he is doing for his Master according to his ability.

You will have seen a part of your letter in the Herald. I have always been sorry that Bro. Hall did not write more fully in regard to his labors. Letters might have been sent from your Reservation that would have been read with very great interest; & I hope you will have such things to record hereafter.

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I am troubled & perplexed by the state of things at Cattaraugus. Last Tuesday I consulted the Prud. Committee & they wish me to visit the two stations, as also Bro. Rockwood, & see whether any thing can be done to put matters in a better train. I now hope to leave here about the 16 or 17th of May, tho' I cannot say precisely when I can go. I fear I shall not be able to visit Allegany; & yet I shall wish you & Bro. Hall to meet me at Cattaraugus, if you can have seasonable notice. Such a notice I will endeavor to give.

The printed letter, sent herewith, I will thank you to answer in due time. The questions also I hope you will answer, as we wish to know the leading incidents in the lives of our missionaries.

Kind regards to Mrs. A. & Miss Edwards.

I am, as ever,

fraternally

yours

S. B. Treat.

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Why only do I visit Cattaraugus? To see what can be done to put matters in a better train. I cannot feel satisfied to let the state of the things there remain as it is, without an effort to make a change. Perhaps I shall give it up as a bad bargain, after all, but I am disposed to try the experiment in the fall. I still hope to visit Tuscarora also. Tender my regards to [illegible] & your [illegible] household.

As ever, very truly yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston,
May 1. 1851

Rev. Wm. Hall,
N. Y. Ind. Mission.

Dear Brother.

I am not sure that this letter will find you at home; tho' I suppose you will not have taken your contemplated journey quite so soon. Should you be at Allegany about the 20th of May, I still hope to see you; not that I expect to go to your Reservation; but I am intending to go to Cattaraugus, if the Lord will, & I still wish to meet you & Mr. Potter there, if you can take the journey, & receive seasonable notice from me. If, however, you have formed any plans which will be very much disturbed by seeing me, I hope you will not make any changes, tho' I should regret not to have an interview.

But why do I visit Cattaraugus? To see what can be done to put matters in a better train. I do not feel satisfied to let the state of the things there remain as it is, without an effort to make a change. Perhaps I shall give it up as a bad bargain, after all; but I am disposed to look the question in the face. I shall hope to visit Tuscarora also. Kind regards to Mrs. H. & your fellow laborers.

As ever, very truly yours
S. B. Treat.

Mission House. Boston
May 27. 185[illegible]

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine,
Abenaquis.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Jan. 28 was duly received. We were glad to hear from you, & to have so full an account of the state of your pecuniary affairs. I read what you say to the Prud. Com.

I am hoping to pay you a visit some-time in June; though I am not certain that I shall be able to do so; nor can I mention the time. I expect to go out to the New York Indian missions; & as I shall be near Lake Ontario, when I am among the Tuscaroras, I have thought I might run down the St Lawrence, & see you.

I wish you to write to me, as soon as you get this letter, if you will be at home in June, & what is the best way to reach St. Francis. How near do the boats land to your place? If I should go to Quebec with my wife, who may accompany me, had I better stop at St Francis, going to, or returning from Quebec? And after landing from the boat, how shall I go to your place? How often does the mail go to St Francis? Can I send you a letter, so that you can meet me at the St Lawrence?

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If my wife should be with me, can you find a place for her in your house? She is not hard to please!

I send herewith a printed letter, which I wish you to answer, tho' not just now. I also send a list of questions, which I wish you to answer at some time.

As I hope to see you face to face very soon, I will not write a long letter now. We can talk much better than we can write.

Very sincerely
Yours
in the fellowship
of the Gospel
S. B. Treat.

Dear Brother

[illegible] you [illegible] have seen in the [illegible] Herald. [illegible] very glad to find that you have more encouragement in your [illegible] God [illegible] increase your confidence [illegible] your efforts in behalf of the Indians [illegible] ble & undoubted [illegible]

We are waiting, as I suppose you are, to see what is to be done with the Dakotas. A vigorous effort, I have no doubt, will be made to secure a treaty; but with what results remains to be seen. I hope that your condition will not be made any worse by a change.

I have been expecting to hear from you for some time, in regard to the return of Bro. [illegible] to the Dakota mission; but no letter has yet reached me. I suppose, however, that he has practically become associated with you, on the invitation of Mr. [illegible]. But the question of a formal connection with [illegible] is ~~[illegible]~~ altogether [illegible]; & the [illegible] will

Miss. House Boston
May 17 1851

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Dakota Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb 13 did not reach me till April 1. Some extracts from it you will have seen in the Miss. Herald. I was very glad to find that you had more encouragement in your work; & I pray God to increase your confidence in the success of your efforts in behalf of the Indian, & really the visible & undoubted tokens of his presence.

We are waiting, as I suppose you are, to see what is to be done with the Dakotas. A vigorous effort, I have no doubt, will be made to secure a treaty; with what results remains to be seen. I hope that their condition will not be made any worse by a change.

I have been expecting to hear from you, for some time, in regard to the return of Br. Aiton to the Dakota mission; but no letter has yet reached me. I suppose, however, that he has practically become associated with you, on the invitation of Mr. Hancock. Still the question of a formal connection with you is ~~[illegible]~~ in abeyance; & the Com. will

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not act upon the question till we hear from you. I find that some of the brethren think that no more laborers are needed at present. Their opinions were given, however, before the death of Mr. Hancock.

I must confess that my intercourse with the the Gov. has not been of a character to gratify me altogether; & I do not feel like doing much, except to continue our operations on the present plan, in reference to the Dakotas. I have been to Washington this winter to make some representations in regard to the Ojibwas; & I have a pretty strong feeling, that it is best to have as little to do with the "powers that be" as possible. What you wish to accomplish in this line, had better be thro' Gov. Ramsey. I have not been able to find out what they intend to do with the Ojibwas, though I have written repeatedly for information, & though I have heard via Lake Superior that they are to be removed.

I herewith send some questions to be answered by yourself & Mr. Riggs. The printed letter I hope, will receive due attention. I am anxious to bring our reports into some system.

Christian salutations to your wife, & all associated with you.

I remain, very
truly & fraternally,
Yours &c
S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston
May 17, 1861.

Rev. R. Hopkins.
Dakota Mission

Dear Brother

Your two letters of Jan. 28 & March 1 came duly to the Miss. House; though they were both rather long on their journey.

I am glad that you have a little more encouragement in your work; & I hope the Great Head of the Church will strengthen your hands & cheer your hearts. Bro. Riggs, as you will see by the Herald, has somethings of a pleasant character to report from Lac qui parle. A better day may yet dawn upon the poor Dakotas.

I am waiting anxiously to hear the issue of the proposed efforts to make a treaty with the Indians. It would seem that their destiny is intimately concerned in this matter. I hope Gov. Ramsay will see that just & wise provisions are made for them, & also in regard to the mission property.

For your letter in regard to Mr Aiton, I am much obliged. We have not yet acted on his case; & shall wait till we hear from Bro. Riggs. I learn, however, that he is now at Red Wing, in consequence of [illegible] Hancock's death.

And I should think it likely that he might be useful there in the circumstances of that station.

The death of Mrs. H. took me very much by surprise. From the little I knew of her, I had formed a very favorable opinion of her character; & I hope the event will be blessed to us all. We are constantly admonished that what we do, we must do quickly. This warning often comes to us at the Miss. House.

I send herewith certain questions, which I hope you & Mr Hopkins, & also your associates, will answer. We wish to keep a record of the leading events in the lives of all our missionaries.

The printed letter I trust you will reply to, that I may have materials for the annual report.

I remain, dear Brother,
affectionately
yours &c
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 17. 1851

Messrs S. W. Pond,
& G. H. Pond,
Dakota Mission.

Dear Brethren

Your joint letter of Feb. 13. was duly received; & I feel obliged to you for the frankness with which you have replied to my enquiries in regard to Mr. Aiton. I have not heard from Bro. Riggs, & the Com. have not acted on the case. I suppose that Bro. A. is now at Red Wing, in consequence of Mrs. Hancock's death, (an event which took me very much by surprise,) & perhaps we shall have no occasion to pass upon the question at present. I have my doubts whether it is expedient to appoint him a missionary to the Dakotas, unless it be in the expectation that he will take charge of a boarding school; & the time for such institution has not come.

My health has been much better this spring than it was last; & I am now performing my ordinary duties with comfort & pleasure. Dr. Anderson has tolerable health.

Affectionate regards to your wives
Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
May 17. 1851.

Rev. T. S. Williamson
Kaposia. Min. Ter.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Feb. 10 was gladly received; & for that of March 28 I am much obliged. The answers in regard to Mr. Aiton's joining the mission, I find are somewhat "scattering;" but I suppose he is at Red Wing, where he may remain till Providence shows us what is the next chapter in the history of the Dakotas. I should prefer to postpone the question of his becoming one of your number again till we see what is to be done this summer. If it shall seem advisable to go into the boarding school plan, after a treaty, perhaps Mr. A. will be qualified to take charge of such a school. What should you think of this? What would the mission think of it? Unless he shall be wanted for a school, I have some doubts as to the expediency of his appointment.

Mr. Hancock has written to me in regard to the Winnebagoes, & I have made some inquiries on the subject. I must confess, however, that I shrink from undertaking the management of a boarding school among them. I have not been able to satisfy myself that we could be sufficiently free & untrammeled

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in the management of such an institution. Still I may think more favorably of the matter, after being better informed. It is possible that one of our Syrian missionaries may be willing to enter that field, in consequence of the changes contemplated in that mission.

I was much shocked by the news of Mrs. Hancock's death. I had not anticipated such an event. Your instructions as to [illegible] are much like yours. May this incident lead the mission to a clearer apprehension of its responsibilities, and may we [illegible] the [illegible] by the [illegible] which we are receiving from the great missionary field.

I [illegible] certain questions which I hope will be answered. The printed letter [illegible] reports of the different missions as complete [illegible] statistics as [illegible] can well be.

Affectionately &
fraternally,
yours truly in
[illegible]
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
May 19. 1851

Rev. M. N. Adams
Quincy. Illinois

Dear Brother

Your letter of April 24, I duly received; & I was truly sorry to hear that Mrs. Adams was not improving more rapidly in her health. I still hope there may be a change soon. But we are in the hands of One who arranges all things for us in infinite wisdom. What more can we ask? I pray that you both may have a gentle & submissive spirit; for with such a spirit there is no cause of disquietude in the sick room.

The questions herewith sent I will thank you to answer & return. Perhaps Miss Rankins can be answered without being sent to her.

Please to present my affectionate sympathy to Mrs Adams, & believing me,

As ever,
very truly &
fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 19. 1851

Rev. Asher Wright
Cattaraugus.

Dear Brother:

I wrote you a few days ago, announcing my intention to visit Cattaraugus; & I expressed the design of leaving Boston last week. But I have been "let" hitherto; & now I do not expect to set out under some 3 weeks. Please to inform Bro. Bliss of the change of purpose.

How near does the Erie rail road go to Bro. Potter's; or rather, how near is the nearest station? If I could take that route, & visit Allegheny easily, & then proceed to Cattaraugus, I should like it. I think I shall take the Tuscaroras on my return, as I am thinking of visiting the Abenaquis.

I may take my ~~[illegible]~~ wife along with me, for certain reasons. I hope she will not be unwelcome, as we shall not expect to stay long in a place. Her being with me may be an objection to going to Allegheny.

Can you drop me a line in reply.

Kind regards to Mrs Wright.

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
May 19. 1851.

Rev. Alfred Wright
Wheelock. Choct. Na.

Dear Brother.

I am anxious to get a good map of the Indian Country for our publications; & I know of no one who can do what I want done in your part of the field better than yourself & Mrs. Wright. The accompanying sketch is taken from a map published by the United States Government; but it may be incorrect for all that. If it is, do not hesitate to correct it. I know enough of the Indian Country to see that there are some omissions, to say nothing of inaccuracies. Please to make it what it should be. And I should be glad to have the stations of other societies, both among the Choctaws & Chickasaws, as also among the Creeks & Seminoles put on. Perhaps Mr Worcester can attend to the latter better than you can, his daughter being in the Creek mission.

After you have done with the sketch, will you have the goodness to send it to Mr. S. A. Worcester at Park Hill, that he may put on all the stations among the Cherokees, of all denominations.

I shall expect to see Rev. Byington soon, & have a long talk about Choctaw matters. [illegible] Mr & Mrs [illegible] [illegible]. He speaks encouragingly of the mission with the people.

Affectionate regards to all. [illegible] Yours. S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House, Boston
May 19. 1851.

Mr. C. C. Copeland
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother.

I herewith send a list of questions which I wish you & Mrs. C. to answer. I have sent similar lists to Mr. Wright. The object is to obtain, & put on record at the Miss. House, the leading incidents in the lives of our missionaries, that we may have them at command whenever we wish to use them. A collection of facts of this kind will hereafter be of great value.

Miss Dickinson wishes to have the money which she brought from your girls acknowledged. It has been duly received at the Miss. House. Miss D.'s mother was here a few days ago; but I failed of seeing her, much to my regret.

I hear good tidings from the Choctaw mission from time to time; & I hope that we shall enjoy the same pleasure & privilege hereafter. I shall expect to see Mr. Byington in a short time. I presume he will be charged with some commissions for helpers. We shall aid him herein as far as we can.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. C. Mrs T. would unite with me, were she here. Very sincerely yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
May 21. 1851

Rev. Cyrus Kingsbury,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

The Prudential Committee are desirous of being fully & accurately informed as to the present relations of your mission to the system of slavery, as it now exists in the Choctaw nation; & hence they have instructed me to address you, as the oldest member of the mission, on this subject. Facts have been communicated to us from time to time, bearing with more or less directness upon this embarrassing question, which have given us very great pleasure; but we wish to obtain a brief statement of all that has been done to hasten the consummation which you & we so ardently desire.

The topics to which I beg leave to direct your attention, more particularly, are the hiring of slaves by members of the mission, the admission of persons holding slaves to Christian fellowship, the discipline of church members for offences growing out of their connection with slavery, & the progress of your people toward Scriptural views of this general subject. These suggestions will enable you to perceive at once what kind of information we are anxious to obtain. And any other facts which will aid us in our future deliberations on this difficult subject will be gratefully received.

I remain, as ever, affectionately & fraternally yours, S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston
May 26. 1851

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother

You will receive herewith a letter, requesting a communication from you in reply on the subject of slavery. As that letter has been written with the possibility of its being published at some future day in view, it seems to be expedient that I say a few words in a separate letter.

When the second letter from your mission on this subject was received, we all felt greatly relieved; & when it was read at Pittsfield, there was a general sentiment of satisfaction. It was the common feeling, "our good brother Kingsbury has done a good work." The patrons of the Board have generally been quiet since that time; & we have had no serious difficulty. Some have left us, but that we do not regret in the circumstances.

Still it is not to be disguised that the "Fugitive Slave Law" has energized the anti-slavery feeling of the north, & every instance of recapture makes the matter worse. My own opinions on this subject I need not express, & I will only say, generally, that having once been a lawyer, I cannot look at the question as many good people do. I think we must not sympathize so strongly with the slave, as to forget that we have a Constitution.

And the fact is, undoubtedly, that in our northern churches there is a strong feeling against having any connection with slavery. This, moreover, is not confined to those who have been considered ultra men. The general tendency is in that direction

The best men at the West are anxious to have our [illegible]
to slavery, in all ways, abolished; & they frequently inquire if
there is no way in which the Board can get upon ground. [illegible]
be objected to by some? They feel this more deeply on this acc[illegible]
inasmuch as this question tends to distract & divide the
Churches, & thus prejudice missionary ends.

And as an indication of the way this matter [illegible]
I will say that Baptist Miss. Union / corresponding to our [illegible]
at its recent meeting in this City passed a very strong [illegible]
resolution in regard to their Cherokee Mission. This I regret, [illegible]
was unwise, & will affect us perhaps unfavorably.

I have made these statements to show a little how the
question is shaping itself, & what we must prepare to [illegible]
As for the Board & the Secty we do not expect to change
ground. We think that we are upon the true basis, [illegible]
though we expect some pretty strong breezes, we hope to [illegible]
them, with the Master's help. But we wish to make every
preparation for the onset, whenever it may come.

It is the general idea of our friends, including
those are pretty strongly anti-slavery, that we are to correspond
freely with the missionaries on this subject, make suggestions [illegible]
have occasion, get information, & restrict to all that we
can wisely & kindly be done in the case. So long as we pur[illegible]
this course, & the missionaries respond freely & kindly, the[illegible]
too acting honestly & frankly, I think we shall have no
trouble. But if the public gain impressions of a lax or of the [illegible]
we must look out for a storm. This is the mode in which
we are accustomed to look at the question.

In these circumstances, there might be danger to bring
matter before the Choctaw [illegible] as they have [illegible]
[illegible] quence of the [illegible]

address you; as in the letter herewith sent. This was written with the kindest feelings towards you & the brethren associated with you; & in the hope, not of increasing your trouble, but rather of giving this subject a quiet & perfectly legitimate direction. We believe you can write a letter, that shall be perfectly frank & honest, which will relieve both you and us from any pressure that may be felt just now. We think it better that you do this, than that we rely on such information as Bro. Byington may bring with him, as this will be somewhat incomplete of necessity. Besides a letter can be written with more care than a verbal statement is usually made; & it goes forth to the world without being garbled; which cannot be said of most oral communications.

Will you allow me to make a few suggestions as to the topics to be considered in the letter of reply? In none of my letters sent herewith, these are indicated in the most general manner. This is by design. I wish to give you free scope in answering or not to hold you to certain questions, &c. (1) We have asked for information in regard to the hiring of slaves. It may be well for you to state briefly what you have done to get rid of hired slaves since your second mission letter, the difficulties you have encountered, &c. Let us know the present number; & in what circumstances they are in the service of the mission. There was but one last winter, he being at Stockbridge; & in circumstances which would do honor to the brethren who knew of the fact; so now, let us have it fully & distinctly stated. (2) We wish to know the present number of slaveholders in the church; also how many have been admitted since your 2d mission letter, April 14, 1849; & in what circumstances. If it be true, as I suppose it may be, that some slaveholders have been recently admitted, let us know the facts, & what it is; in consequence of the [illegible]

[illegible] upon the Choctaw matter. And I hope you will also bring out the fact that God, in His rich grace, has deigned, as you honestly & strongly believe, to convert some slaveholders; as He has shown them this great mercy, you have not felt at liberty to shut them out of the church. I hope, moreover, you will be able to say, that they have not been admitted without full satisfaction given as to their piety, & also in regard to their views & purposes as slaveholders, the missionaries having arrived at this conclusion in such ways as seemed to them most expedient. (2) Perhaps you will have nothing to reply in regard to the discipline of church members holding slaves. Still I trust it will appear that you have had your eye on this matter, & the [illegible] of discipline has been owing to the absence of offences. (4) This topic is general; & if you can say any thing of an encouraging character, I trust you will. And it may not be amiss, if you go into this topic, to point out the peculiar difficulties with which the subject is environed among the Choctaws.

And having made these remarks in detail, allow me to add one of a general character, viz. that the nearer you [illegible] your letter to the principles of our letter of June 22. in all honesty & sincerity, the better it will be for you & for all. I should like to have you write your letter with that before you; it will suggest the sort of information we want, & the sort of answers we desire, if they can be truly made.

While I am aware, dear brother, that our request will give you some trouble; & for this I am sorry. But I do not well see how to avoid it. I think, & we all think, that you are called in providence to this particular task. If you can write a letter that shall meet the feelings of your friends, & produce an effect [illegible] the [illegible] letter of [illegible] in 1849, you will have conferred a favor upon us at the Mis. House, & upon the Board generally, & I may say, the churches generally. Should such a letter cost a week, or a month's time, we should not regret it in the least.

From what I have said, you may think that we want a long letter. This is not so. The shorter, the better, if it says the right things. But I wish you to write it with the expectation that it may be published. We shall not volunteer the production of the correspondence; but if it is called for, I presume we shall be ready; & we would avoid any appearance of reluctance in meeting the question.

Of course we shall want your answer before the meeting of the Board. If you send it any time in July, I presume it will be in season. If it comes sooner, we shall make no objection.

Praying that the Great Head of the Church will aid you in the execution of the commission which we have now given you, I subscribe myself

Your affectionate
brother in Christ,

S. B. Treat

Missionary House, Boston,
May 26, 1851.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.
Dear Brother,

The Prudential Committee are desirous of being fully & accurately informed as to the *present* relations of your mission to the system of slavery, as it now exists in the Cherokee nation; & hence they have instructed me to address you on this subject. We wish to obtain a brief statement of what has been done, since the letter of your mission, dated March 21, 1848, to hasten the consummation which you & we so ardently desire.

The topics to which I beg leave to direct your attention, more particularly, are *the hiring of slaves by members of the mission*, *the admission of persons holding slaves to Christian fellowship*, *the discipline of church members for offences growing out of their connection with slavery*, & *the progress of your people toward scriptural views of the general subject*. These suggestions will enable you to perceive at once what kind of information we are anxious to obtain. And any other facts which will aid us in our future deliberations on this difficult subject will be gratefully received.

I remain, as ever, affectionately & fraternally yours,
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible] House. Boston
May 1850.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother.

You will receive herewith a letter requesting information on certain topics connected with the subject of slavery. As it has been written under the impression that it might be published, I will say a few words in explanation of the reasons, &c, for this step.

The "Fugitive Slave Law" has waked up a spirit in the non slaveholding states, which could not have been anticipated by the legislators at Washington. And every new instance of recapture energizes the spirit of opposition. While I sympathize with some things which are said in regard to the law, I do not forget that there is a constitution; & I suppose I may be considered as rather on the conservative side of the question. But that is of no moment for my present purpose. I merely allude to the state of things, as throwing some light upon the position & policy of the Board in regard to the Cherokee & Choctaw missions.

Another thing has happened rather unpropitiously. The Ex. Com. of the Baptist Miss. Union wrote some time since to their Cherokee mission, concerning its relations to slavery, but received no answer. The question came up at the late meeting in Boston; & a stringent & unwise resolution was passed, looking forward to ~~the~~ a clearing of itself at to those in the letter, which I [illegible] to you; & of you both

[illegible] connection with, [illegible] the [illegible] has since told me that any there are but two [illegible] slaveholders in their churches, who will speedily withdraw, & they [illegible] all [illegible]; [illegible] they did not oppose the action of the Union. I regret that matters have taken such a course in that Society, because the precedent will be brought to bear upon us.

In view of the state of the public mind on the subject of slavery, & the questions sometimes put to us, we have had a consultation as to what we had better do in preparation for the next annual meeting; & the Com.^ee have directed me to write the accompanying letter. The step is taken in all friendliness to you; we shall not use your answer in any public way, unless we shall be pressed with the question; but we wish to be ready, & to have the public see, if we are catechized, that we are ready.

Our western friends it may not be easy to manage; but the churches at the east, & also in the middle states, I think, can be kept along with us, if they feel that we & the missions [among the] Choctaws are doing what we can to relieve ourselves reasonably & consistently, from our great perplexity. They will need to understand that we & you are anxious to free ourselves from all unscriptural connection with slavery. To this end they must know, when the question is asked, that the Com.^ee have taken [illegible] upon the subject, & that the missions are willing to [illegible] freely & frankly, giving what information may be [illegible]

I have [illegible] the inquiries, in terms [illegible] to those in the letter which I sent to you; & if you will write frankly & kindly, I apprehend no difficulty. At any rate, we shall be ready, in that event, to decide the issue; but we need assistance from you to any extent in fighting the battle for us all.

I know the reluctance of your brethren to write on this subject; & they may have expected, from what I have said, that they would not be troubled again. In regard to the *principles* involved, I hope there will not be occasion for any further correspondence; but when we come to the *facts* of the case, that is a different affair. The Comee must be informed, from time to time, as to what is the actual state of the question, *practically*, among your churches; & I hope there will be no hesitation in giving all which they desire.

Should any of your brethren be inclined to censure you for writing in answer to the letter sent herewith, please to throw the blame upon the Comee. They take *it all* to *themselves*. But I sincerely hope there will be no such disposition. For upon one point the mission will find the Comee & the Board very *strenuous*; namely, the right of writing freely upon any *subject* that they may think requiring an interchange of opinions questions & answers, &c. This right they will never surrender.

You will notice that I have requested information particularly on 4 topics. (1) The hiring of slaves. Here I suppose there will be no difficulty. (2) Admission of slaveholders to the church. We shall wish to know the present number, & how many, if any, have been received since your mission's letter of March 21, 1848. If it shall turn out that any have been received, I hope you will explain the principles upon which they have been received. For instance, let it appear that they have given clear evidence of piety, & also (I hope the fact is so) that satisfaction has been obtained, in some way, as to their motives & purposes in holding slaves; in other words, that they are willing to carry out the great law of love, referred to in your letter of March 22. '46.

(3) Discipline. I hope you will have no occasion to say any thing on this point, because nothing has occurred to call for discipline. If any case has occurred, we should like to know the principles on which you proceeded. (4) Progress of the people toward Scriptural views. I know not that you will have any thing to say on this subject. If you can report any progress, it will be gratifying to all. Any peculiar difficulties might be stated.

And I may say generally, that the nearer you can bring your proceedings, as reported by you in the letter which we solicit from you, to the letter of June 22. 1845 addressed by me in behalf of the Com^ee to the Choctaw mission, the better we shall like it. Of course we expect you to be frank & honest; & we have no doubt you will be so, but the more your practice squares with the letter to the Choctaw brethren, the easier will it be for us to manage the question. If you can keep the principles therein set forth distinctly in mind while writing, & if the facts are as I suppose them to be, I have no doubt ~~that~~ you will give us a letter that will materially relieve us from any pressure that may be brought to bear upon us.

We will not ask a long letter; enough is enough. I hope the answer will reach us in August. The reason of my writing to you the mission will understand. Now that [illegible] is in the High School, & you are the senior member. I hope [illegible]

Boston, 27 May, 1857.

John Tawse Esq.
Secretary &c.
Edinburgh, Scotland.

Dear Sir,

The Commissioners of your Honorable Society held their annual meeting in this city yesterday, the 26th instant, John Tappan, Esqr. the President, in the chair. The meeting was opened with prayer, as usual. The statement & accounts of President Lord, who has the oversight of the Indian youth at Hanover, was presented, briefly noticing the character & attainments of the Indian beneficiaries, & the expenditures on their behalf. The statement represents the beneficiaries to be all doing well & to be worthy the continued patronage of your Society, & is considered as being satisfactory. The Commissioners [illegible]

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It having pleased Almighty God, since our last meeting, to remove by death our late associate & colleague for many years, Samuel H. Walley, Esq.

"Resolved, That we regard this providential dispensation as a renewed summons to each one of us of diligence & fidelity in the discharge of our respective obligations; & that we remember with sincere interest the promptness, efficiency & affectionate attentions of our departed friend, whose habitual kindness endeared him to a wide circle of the community in which he lived, & especially to its Christian portion, among whom he was ever ready to every good work."

No gentleman was elected or nominated yet as Commissioner, though it may probably be deemed advisable, at the next meeting, to supply the places of those who have been taken away by death. I remain, Dear Sir, Most respectfully and truly your brother in Christ

Daniel [illegible]

Boston, 29th May, [illegible]

Rev & Dear Sir,

The Board of Commission on the Scottish Society met yesterday, when your statement with your accounts & the vouchers, were submitted to them. Your account was approved, and the amount charged was allowed, & for the sum $592.79 I herein hand you Mr. Hill's check on the Merchants Bank of this City. I suppose you of course send a statement respecting the Indian youth under your care to the Secretary of the Scottish Society. The officers & friends of that society feel a much interest in matters relating to the Indians, especially those of whom they are their benefactors. The more full & particular you make your statement to them, the more they will be interested & gratified.

Mr. Greene, one of the Secretaries of the A.B.C.F.M. is purposing soon to visit the stations among the New York Indians, & will probably visit Mr. [illegible] [illegible] on his return, he may probably call at Hanover and see the Indian youths under your care, & confer with you in regard to them.

I am now writing from Boston ~~to~~ though my place of residence is still Westborough.

I remain very respectfully & truly yours,
David Greene.

Rev. N. Lord, D.D.
President &c
Hanover,
N. H.

Miss. Rooms, Boston
May 28. 1851

Rev. C. Carpenter.
Southbridge, Mass

Dear Brother.

Mr Gleason has mentioned to me the name of Miss Amsden, a lady who is known to you, as one who is willing to entertain the question of going to the Indians as a teacher; & he has requested me to write to you on the subject. We shall have occasion to send out several teachers in the fall, probably with Mr. Byington, both to the Cherokee & Choctaw missions; & though several young ladies are considering the question of their personal obligations in this matter, we have not yet received favorable answers from as many as we shall probably wish to send. And it will be necessary to wait till Mr Byington arrives, before we know just how many we want.

In these circumstances I should like to know the character & qualifications of Miss Amsden. What kind of a school can she teach? Is her piety deep? Is her disposition amiable? Will she work kindly with others? If you think that she will fill some of the niches which are now vacant, you can say to her that we shall probably want other teachers, & we shall be happy to keep her in mind in completing the list.

Very truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
May 29. 1850

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine,
Abenaquis.

Dear Brother

Your letter of May 24 I have just received. I am hoping to get to your place about June 22; perhaps I shall be 2 or 3 days later. As I am going first to the New York Indians, I cannot say precisely what day I shall be at St Francis. I hope you will by all means be at home. If you cannot go to Portland & Nashua, so as to get back by June 20 or 21, I think you had better wait till I have seen you before you make your proposed visit. The Prud. Com. will be very sorry to have me go to St Francis, & not see you.

You can come down the St Lawrence with me, & so get to Portland, I presume, the latter part of June.

Your brother in
Christ

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
May 29, 1850.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother.

I have just received your letter of April 20, prepared & sent on behalf of the mission; & though we are in the midst of our anniversaries, I hasten to reply.

1. The letter of Dr. Pomroy, to which you refer, does not profess to be, & was not in fact, written at the instance or with the knowledge of the Prud. Com. It was sent in answer to certain inquiries, as I suppose; & did not require any action on the part of our Comee. It does not indicate any change in the views of the Comee, therefore; on the contrary we expect ~~[illegible]~~ to abide by the principles of our letter of Jan 22, 1849, by which piety is the sole test in admitting persons to the privileges of the church; & all that we ask is, that where slaveholders apply, you satisfy yourselves in some way that their feelings & purposes are in accordance with the great law of love.

2. When Dr. P. said "I do not think it probable that others will be received", he simply expressed his own opinion, & did not intend to intimate any thing more. He thought, as a matter of fact, that no more would be admitted. I should not have written so; because I have always supposed that other slaveholders would be admitted to the churches, if the Lord should continue to bless the Choctaws, as heretofore. And had I been at home, I presume Dr. Pomroy would not have expressed himself with so little reserve; as he would naturally have consulted me in the case

3. In regard to the hiring of slaves, the statement was founded upon the letters received from members of the mission. In one of his communications, Mr Byington said that the mission had but one hired slave, & that one was at Stockbridge, & he was kept because he did not wish to go, &c. Dr. Pomroy inferred from all that he read, that the mission were fast getting rid of this feature in their arrangements, & hence he wrote as he did.

One object in my answering your letter so speedily is to say, that I hope you will answer my communication of May 21, just as if nothing had happened, making no allusion to Dr. P's letter, but simply giving the facts as they are. You can easily set yourselves right before the public by a simple statement of the truth.

I must confess that I feel some solicitude in regard to your reply; & I earnestly pray that you may have wisdom given you from above. God grant that your letter may be as oil upon the troubled waters!

At the next meeting of your mission I wish you to lay before the brethren ~~mission~~ my letter to the Cherokee mission, dated Jan. 8. 1849. a copy of which you have received. This communication expresses the views of the Prud. Com. in reference to the letter from the Cherokee mission, dated March 21, 1848. I do not ask for any reply at present; but I think it right that your brethren should be formally apprised of the points discussed in that letter.

Kind & fraternal regards to Mr. K & all your associates

Affectionately & very
truly
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
May 29. 1851

Rev. C. Hotchkin.
Goodwater.

Dear Brother.

I have just been looking over my letters, & I do not find that I have received a single communication from you since my return from Europe. Am I mistaken? If not, it seems rather strange.

And yet I know you are a man of deeds rather than words; & I wish most men were more like you. But it is well to talk & to write sometimes, especially to one's friends. I doubt not you have been very busy. But perhaps some one can act as your amanuensis. Let us hear from Goodwater occasionally at least.

And I have heard about you thro' Mr. & Mrs. Burtchett, who have been here. And I was very glad to see them. They answered many questions, as they can tell you. I was glad to hear so good an account of things among the Choctaws.

I send Lessmith a printed letter. I hope you will give me full materials for the annual report. The questions for you & Mrs H. please to answer. We keep a book for such facts; & they are at times exceedingly valuable.

Kind & fraternal regards to Mrs H. & all with you.

Your brother in Christ

S. B. Treat

Miss. House May 29. 1851

Rev C. C. Copeland,
Choct. Mission.

Dear Brother.

I send herewith a series of questions for yourself & Mrs Copeland, which you will answer. We wish to obtain full memoranda in regard to the chief incidents in the lives of our missionaries. At times they are of great value.

The printed letter will give you a hint in respect to your report. I hope & expect to hear good things from the Choctaw mission.

We are now in the midst of our anniversaries, & full of business of course. Hence I write in great haste. Fraternal regards to all, &c.

Affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat

P. S. I forgot to acknowledge yours of March 19. which I read with pleasure. I like your system of native itinerancy. Make full proof of it, & let us know the results. Two young men have made up their minds to offer themselves for the Choctaw mission. I think they will do well. Aim at preaching in Choctaw. It is immensely important to speak fluently in the native tongue.

Yours truly
S. B. T.

Miss. House Boston
May 29. 1851.

Rev. T. C. Ranney,
Lee's Creek.

Dear Brother

Your favor of March 6 was duly received. In regard to the affair with the Baptists, perhaps it is best to let it remain as it is; & if the mission are of that opinion, I shall acquiesce. Still, if possible, I wish something might be done to avoid collision & interference. Will a kind & Christian talk with Mr Jones put any thing in peril? If you say, "who is to do the talking?" I am not the best judge. After all, I am willing to leave the matter in the hands of the mission.

I am sorry that you have not had a teacher sent from these parts. But really, I have known of no good opportunity to get one to you. It is very true that merchants come north from Van Buren; but I cannot see them; neither know how to find them. To hunt for them, is like looking for a needle in a haystack. In all such cases, it will be better for the missionaries to find out who is coming north, & get them to call on me, or let me know when & where to find them.

Next fall, however, I think you will have a teacher. Mr. Byington will be here soon, & return [illegible] soon after the meeting of the Board, (tho' I don't know just what his plans are,) & I hope to see him fitted out with teachers for the 2 missions.

I herewith send a printed letter, which will suggest the sort of materials which I need for the annual report. I wish we could hear better tidings from the Cherokees. That baptism of the Spirit which you speak of, is the thing. Every day I feel it more & more. Let us pray for it, dear brother, for ourselves & others. Some of the missions are enjoying refreshings from on high. Others are not. So it has been with our churches in these parts.

I am trying hard to get a good man for Fairfield. This very day I have had a long talk with an excellent brother; but his wife is not in firm health, & I do not know what will be the issue. Were she a strong woman, I should lay the matter very heavy on his conscience, & I think he would go.

Our anniversaries are in progress. The one for the Board takes place this evening. We shall have a good meeting I doubt not. I think the cause of missions is gaining; but we want a deeper piety.

Fraternal regards to Mrs. Kenny.

I remain, as ever, affectionately,

your brother in

Christ

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 30. 1850.

Rev. S. Hall,
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of March 26 reached me April 26. I was much surprised by the information it contained in regard to the removal of the Indians. 1. I did not anticipate such a measure, after what the Com.r of Ind. Affairs had told me. 2. I thought at any rate that we should receive early notice of the plans of the Gov.t should there be a purpose to effect a change in their location.

As I knew not what to make of the news you sent me, I wrote immediately to Washington for information; but I have received no reply! I feel that we have a right to complain of this treatment; & were I to make the proposition to our Com. I have no doubt that they would authorize me to intimate their dissatisfaction. But I am doubtful whether we should gain any thing by such a course; & I am strongly averse to making any approaches to our public men. "Cease ye from man." Besides, I have a strong suspicion that the Indian Department is managed very inefficiently; & that it has been so since Gen.l Taylor came into power. Gov. Ramsay, I presume, is the chief adviser & prompter in regard to Indian affairs in your part of the world; & if you wish to know what is proposed by the Gov.t or what will probably take place, you had better write to him. I hope he will answer you, at any rate.

I agree with you that as things now are, it is best to wait, & see how things shape themselves. I have had a hope & a wish that the La Pointe Indians would be allowed to stay where they are. Perhaps they may yet succeed in keeping possession of their present location. But if there is to be a change, all is uncertain, & if we take any step, it must be in the dark.

In these circumstances I trust you will endeavor to carry out the views of the Com., as recently communicated, so far as you can with propriety, & look for the indications of the divine will as to that which is to come. Of course it will not be advisable to incur any expense that can well be avoided.

The hopeful appearances of which you speak, I hope will become brighter & brighter. Even in this time of uncertainty, God can make bare his mighty arm & glorify his great name. Let us beseech him earnestly to do it.

In making out your report I wish you to keep your eye upon the points presented in the printed letter. Please to request Mr Wheeler to do the same.

Fraternal regards to Mrs Hall, & all your fellow laborers.

As ever, I am
Yours
in the gospel
of Christ

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 31. 1851.

Rev. Wm Hall,
N. Y. Indians

Dear Brother.

Since my last letter, I have changed my plans, not only in postponing the visit of which I wrote, but also in the places to be visited. I now hope to reach the Allegany Res. by rail road on the 10th or 11th of June. Tuesday or Wed. probably the latter. I presume Bro. Potter's house will be the nearest for me to go to; hence I shall see him first, & I have written to him accordingly. I now expect to stay over one day at Allegany, & then go to Cattaraugus; & perhaps I shall be dependant upon some of you for a conveyance.

I have invited Mrs Treat to accompany me. She will be glad to see the mission families; & I hope they will not be sorry to see her.

Kind regards to Mrs. Hall, your sister, &c.

Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston
May 31. 1851

Rev. J. Potter,
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother

Since I wrote to you & Bro. Hall, a few days since, in regard to my visit to Cattaraugus, I have seen some reasons for ~~my~~ changing my plans. I have postponed my contemplated journey, whereby I shall have more time; & hence I hope to see you all at Alleghany.

I now expect to reach your Reservation June 10 or 11, probably the latter. I do not know how the cars run; but if the train that leaves N. Y. in the morning goes directly through, I may stop at some point, & take the succeeding train, if there be one 10 or 12 hours later, in order to avoid a night ride. But I do not know when the cars reach your vicinity; possibly, therefore, I may not stop over a train.

As to the stopping place, I suppose it will be Great Valley; but I cannot speak with sufficient precision to warrant any one's meeting me there. Hence I shall expect to take care of myself. If most convenient, as I suppose it will be, I shall go to your house first.

I have invited Mrs. T. to accompany me. She will be glad to see the mission families; & I hope we shall not burden their hospitality. Treat us just as you would your familiar friends. Kind regards to all. Mrs. P. especially.

Yours very truly S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
May 31. 1850.

Miss Sophia Mudgett.
Old Town, Me.

Dear Miss M.

I received a letter some months ago from Cynthia Pierce, which I have read to one Juv. Miss. Soc. & loaned to two others, one of which has it now. It has been useful, therefore, though I had supposed it would appear in the Youth's Dayspring. The employment of it in this way, & the delay in returning it, have kept it out of the hands of the editor, till it is too late.

The Bowdoin Street Juvenile Missionary Society have appropriated $20 to the support of your school, & have paid the money to Mr. Hill, & I hope you will have a letter sent to them occasionally by one of your pupils, or yourself, or both, that they may become more & more interested in such enterprises.

But I will not write more at present, as I am expecting, Providence favoring, to be at Allegheny in a few days.

Respectfully &
Affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
May 31. 1858

Rev. Asher Wright

Dear Brother

For your letter of May 26 I am much obliged. My plans are so made that I cannot see how I can reach Allegheny before June 10 or 11. Tuesday or Wed. Of course I shall not reach your station before Thursday or Friday P.M. So that you & Bro. Bliss can go to your ecclesiastical meetings as you wish.

I think I had better visit Allegheny, & spend one day there. This plan will bring me to Cattaraugus on the Sabbath.

My wife expects to accompany me. She looks forward to the visit with pleasure, & I hope the mission will have no cause to regret her coming.

Affectionate regards to all, especially Mrs W.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
May 31. 1851.

Miss M. J. F. Thayer
Tuscarora

Dear Miss T.

Your letter of Jan. 28. I received in Feb. & have been expecting to answer it for many weeks; but I have waited in order that I might speak with more confidence as to a visit which I propose to make to your station. My present plan is to spend June 15. Sabbath, at Cattaraugus, & proceed on Monday or Tuesday to Tuscarora. I am anxious to become better acquainted with the state of things among your people, & to see if any thing can be done to impart more efficiency to our operations for their good.

Your letter I read with very great interest; & I hope you may have faith & patience to labor till the blessing comes, or be led to a change of field. I have some doubts whether you ought to leave the Tuscaroras. But we will talk of that & many other things when we meet.

Very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
May 31. 1851.

Rev. G. Rockwood,
Tuscaroras.

Dear Brother

I am expecting to visit you in a few days, & write to apprise you of the fact. My present plan is to go to Allegheny by the Erie Rail Road, cross to Cattaraugus, spend the Sabbath (June 15) there, & proceed to your station on the Monday or Tuesday following. I hope I shall find you at home, & in good health.

The object of this visit is more especially to see if any thing can be done at Cattaraugus to get matters into a better way; & also to inquire if we can give more efficiency to our operations in behalf of the Tuscaroras. We do not seem to be accomplishing as much as we could wish at either of these stations; & thus I find that our want of success is a subject of remark in the neighboring churches.

I am expecting to take Mrs Treat along with me; but I hope we shall not burden your hospitality unduly. Affectionate regards to Mrs. R.

Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House. Boston
June 3. 1851

Rev. H. Green
Westboro. Mass

Dear Brother

Mr Wright's report has come; & I have requested Mr Wiggin to make a copy, which I will keep. The original I will transmit to Mr Trade to-morrow.

Mrs T. & myself expect to leave for the N.Y. Indians Thursday A.M. We shall be absent about three weeks. We spend the hot weather in Rev. C. Marsh's family West Roxbury, say 8 or 10 weeks.

Mr Hall goes to-morrow to Geo's ordination. At last we have got Wightman! The claim is allowed with interest. We receive, deducting commissions, over $5.

Love to all

In great haste

as ever

yours

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
June 3. 1850.

John Tawse Esq.
Secy &c &c Edinburgh,
Scotland.

Dear Sir.

Mr Greene informed you last week of the annual meeting which the Comee of your Society held, & of the business transacted. From his letter you will learn that I was appointed Assistant Secretary, hence I take the liberty to address you at the present time.

Mr. Wright's report has been received, which I herewith transmit. I hope it will be satisfactory, though brief; especially as he wrote very fully a few months ago. I expect to visit Mr W. at his station next week; & I hope soon to see the Indian youth at Hanover, under the care of Mr. Lord, the Comee having requested me so to do, not because they have any apprehension that they are not doing as well as ought to be expected, but that we may know more fully how they are profiting by the bounty of your Society. If I find any thing, either at Cattaraugus or Hanover, which seems to call for a communication, I shall take the liberty to write again.

Very respectfully
& truly
yours
S. B. Treat. Ass. Secy

Miss. House Boston
July 4. 1851.

Rev. C. Byington,
Belvidere, N. J.

Dear Bro.

I am glad to hear that you have arrived at your brother's in safety, and that your health is improving. The reason of my not writing to you sooner, is that I have been away for 23 days, visiting Indian missions, &c, & I have been exceedingly busy since my return. Besides, I did not know where you were.

Can you not come directly to Boston next week? I am expecting to take my wife & youngest children to West Roxbury about the 11th or 12th inst. & I should prefer to have you here, when my family is in the city. Perhaps it will wait till the following week, if you come. When you are here, we can talk over all matters. Then too, you can make a plan with Dr. Bingham, as you please. It is, [illegible] the best to print Choctaw [illegible] of New York. The Board [illegible], if possible [illegible]

Yours in [illegible] haste
[illegible] Treat.

Miss. House Boston
July 9. 1851.

Rev. P. P. Osunkhirhine
St Francis, Canada.

Dear Brother

Through the kindness of our heavenly Father, Mrs. Treat & I reached home in safety June 26. On the following Tuesday I had a conference with the Prud. Com. in regard to your labors, success, &c. They were glad that I was able to say so much in the way of encouragement; & they feel a deep interest in the welfare of your people. It would have given them still more pleasure, if I could have spoken of greater good springing from your efforts in their behalf. We cheerfully distribute the funds entrusted to us among the different missions; & our most ardent desires are satisfied, when we see marked & decisive indications that the work of the Ld is made to prosper thereby.

I felt it my duty to go into some detail in respect to your pecuniary difficulties. I described your journey to Wisconsin in 1848, your effort to make something by the purchase & sale of horses last autumn, & your present plan for building a saw mill. They look at the whole subject as I do, & as I said they would when I was at St. Francis. They regret your embarrassments, & the course you have taken to free yourself from them. They think that your mode of farming has probably been the chief cause of all the difficulty. To them it seems strange that any one should deem it wise or expedient to manage a farm in such a way. They hope you will hereafter conduct your agricultural operations on the plan which I mentioned. Do as much as you can your own hands, consistently & properly; & expend as little money as is practicable; but let others do the work, receiving a part of the crops in pay. This they recommend.

I solicited their views particularly respecting the sawmill. I stated your reasons for embarking in the enterprise, as also the prospective advantages which may flow from it to your people. And I mentioned at the same time the conditions on which you will give up the plan; viz, a salary of $400 hereafter, & an advance of $200 to relieve you from present embarrassments.

They regret that you have committed yourself to this undertaking for various reasons; & especially that you have taken such a step without consulting them. This at least they think you ought to have done. Still they do not see how they can accede to the terms which you propose. (1) They do not suppose that you need $400 a year as salary, in your circumstances. (2) They do not feel justified in letting you have the $200 as a present advance. They believe it would be a misapplication of the funds of the Board.

But if you go forward with the saw mill, they wish me to say (1) that they cannot afford you any assistance to relieve you from any embarrassments which may grow out of the building of the saw mill. If the whole experiment shall prove a failure, they cannot help you. The funds committed to us may not be devoted to any such purpose. (2) They are much afraid that your spirituality, your devotedness as a missionary, & your usefulness will be injured by this operation. They will regard you with very great solicitude; & if you shall go forward with your plan, they will pray the Lord to deliver you from the temptations to which you will inevitably be exposed. And they desire me to write to you, as a brother in the Lord, & warn you of the risk you are incurring. In their estimation nothing is so sacred as the character of a missionary; & they think it should be mixed up with secular affairs as little as possible. When a missionary, therefore, embarks in an experiment like yours they feel that he has especial need of grace & help from the Savior. May you be kept & strengthened, dear brother; & may you become more & more a blessing to your people!

I wish you to write to me frequently, that we may know all about your plans, labors, &c.

Affectionately,
Your brother
in the Lord
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
July 5. 1851.

Rev. A. Wright
Cattaraugus, &c.

Dear Brother

After leaving you at Buffalo, made a safe journey to the different places which we proposed to visit, & finally reached home June 26. Our visit to the Rockwoods was very pleasant, & all my conferences with him issued just as I should have wished. The question of his continuance at his station he has referred to the Com.ee; & we shall act upon it next Tuesday, I presume.

The state of things at Cattaraugus was brought before the Com.ee yesterday. I had made a report at the previous meeting; & yesterday I made some further statements, & submitted the letters received from different persons, Christians, pagans &c. The result is as follows:

1. The Com. deem it expedient that you & Mr. Bliss give up the charge of the two Churches, in the expectation that another missionary will be sent to take the oversight of them.

2. The Com. wish you to devote your attention to two things, viz. the translation of the Scriptures, & to labors in behalf of the pagans. We hope you will do as much in the latter department as can well be done. In regard to the extent to which your translation labors shall be carried, we give no definitive opinion now. This will

depend in good measure upon (1) the amount which the Bible Soc. will appropriate & (2) the openings which may be found among the pagans.

3. The Com. authorize the printing of 1000 copies of the hymn book, in the hope that the Am. Tract Soc. will pay the expense. When these books shall have been printed, will it not be well to consider whether those that can afford it should pay for them? I do not like our doing all for them. You remember our visit to Cattaraugus. The [illegible] is authorized to employ an interpreter at the rate of 15 cents per hour. Dear brother, [illegible] Br. Wright is authorized to engage all in translating [illegible] so far as the missionaries shall think it expedient. Affectionate regards to Mrs. W. [illegible]

I am directed to confer with Mr. Gleason in regard to the future occupancy of Lower Cattaraugus. He has not made up his mind, that it is best for him to go there; nor do I know that he will be willing to go.

I have heard that Bro. Bliss has preached his farewell sermon, whether there be any reason, I suppose he will wish to be released from his [illegible] labors in a measure; consequently the charge of the two churches will devolve on you till a new man shall arrive. This I presume you understand.

I have thought it might be well for me to copy some of the letters sent to us by the Indians; & I will enclose them to you, that you may keep back any that will do harm rather than good, & may hand over or interpret the rest as you please.

Please to say to Mr. B. Pierce that I received his letter, & am much obliged to him for it. It was laid before the Com^e & we came to the result which we thought best on the whole. That result you will be able to explain to him.

Mrs T. & myself remember our visit to Cattaraugus with much pleasure, & we hope it will not prove to have been in vain. Pray, dear brother, that the blessing of God may rest upon all our plans & devisings for the Senecas.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. W. Miss Wright, &c. If Mrs T. were here, she would join me in this.

I remain, as ever,
your brother in
the gospel
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
July 9. 1851.

To Little Joe Newjacket,
John Hudson & John
Luke.

Brothers.

Your letters in regard to Mr. Wright's staying where he is, have been received, & I thank you for them. I am glad you feel so much interest in him & in the work which he has been doing among the Senecas. I think the reasons which you give for his staying at Cattaraugus are good.

I have laid these letters before the Prud. Com. & they have been pleased with them. They have decided that Mr Wright shall stay where he is, though he is not to preach to the churches. We expect to send a new man to do that. But we wish him to spend more time in translating good books into Seneca; & we hope that you & your friends will encourage him to do something for yourselves & your children. He will be glad to assist in educating your children.

Your friend &
well wisher

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. House Boston
July 9. 1851.

Morris Halftown,
Cattaraugus Res.

Dear Brother.

I received your letters, & I thank you for them. Yesterday I laid them before the Prudential Com. & we held a consultation as to what should be done for the churches at Cattaraugus. So far as we can judge, it seems best that both Mr Wright & Mr. [illegible] should give up the charge of the churches; & we will endeavor to send a new missionary who shall break to you the bread of life. This is the decision of the Com. & I hope the Lord will add his blessing.

We wish Mr. Wright to translate a part of the Bible into the Seneca language. Though they will one day speak English, it is desirable that those who cannot speak it now, especially such as never will learn it, should be able to read what God has told us in his holy word & [illegible] his Son Jesus Christ.

I am your sincere
friend &
well-wisher

S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. House Boston
July 9. 1851

Rev. Z. L. Jimeson
Cattaraugus. &c

Dear Brother.

I have received a letter signed by yourself & several others, expressing the wish that there be no change at Cattaraugus in regard to the missionaries having charge of the churches; or, if there be any, that Mr. Bliss be the pastor of the two churches united, & Mr Wright continue his labors as a translator.

I rejoice that you, & those who signed with you, have given this expression of attachment to the missionaries. It shows that you have the right feelings towards them, & appreciate your obligations to them. I have laid the letter before the Prud. Com.

But we think it is best to have some change. We feel sad, as we see how the Churches are growing smaller & smaller, & we are desirous of doing something that may help to produce a more promising state of things. We esteem Mr. Bliss very much as a godly man; but he is often discouraged, as any one would be. Perhaps a new man will be able to do more for your people, & this is what we desire.

We shall try to send a faithful & devoted man, & I hope you will receive him as from the Lord. Christian regards to those who signed with you.

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston
July 1st 1851

Rev. A. Bliss,
Cattaraugus, N.Y.

Dear Brother

You will expect to hear from me about this time in regard to the questions which we discussed at Cattaraugus; — questions of some importance to you personally, & also to the cause of the Redeemer among the Senecas. After I left you, I bestowed much thought upon the subject; & I have received from several of the Indians letters expressing their views, as you may have been informed. Yesterday the case seemed to be ripe for the consideration of the Comee — I presented the facts; stated your views & feelings; assured them that you exhibited the true spirit of a Christian & missionary in all our discussions; & solicited their opinion.

I have not time to write at great length; hence I will confine myself mainly to results. They think, then, that some change is desirable. They are not fully sanguine as to the effect; but they believe that the interests of Christ's kingdom are not prospering among the Senecas, & perhaps a new laborer, against whom there are no prejudices, may accomplish more. It is upon this ground that they put the case.

Who will take charge of the church, I do not know. I am authorized to confer with Mr Gleason but I do not know that we shall think it best for him to go, or that he will be willing to go.

Bro. Wright will be released from the charge of the Cherokees as soon as a new man appears upon the ground. In the mean time I have requested him to keep the oversight of them; you of course being at liberty to take such measures for your future location as you shall think expedient. When you can labor among the Indians, we shall be glad to have you do so. We only wish you to feel at ease in regard to your plans.

The decision of the Com^ee^ on other points I have communicated to Bro. Wright, & he will inform you. I believe I have mentioned in this letter all that pertains to yourself particularly.

I do not by any means consider our correspondence as closed; but I have a peculiar feeling, I must confess, in consequence of the new relation in which you are beginning to stand to us. For many years you have been a missionary of the Board; & now you are about to pass into new circumstances & employments. It is a pleasure to me to reflect that nothing unpleasant has occurred between you & me. When you shall take your dismission, I shall feel that a brother, honored & beloved, has turned to new fields of labor, because such seemed to be the will of our common Master; & you will have my warmest wishes for your welfare.

Mr Treat & myself remember our visit at Cattaraugus with much satisfaction.

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with my feelings, if we could have remained longer but we had not time. As it was, I had to give up my visit to Hanover.

We had a pleasant stay at Bro. Rockwood's, & I liked the aspect of things in many particulars among the Tuscaroras. Some things I could wish were different. He has referred the subject of his continuance at Tuscarora to the Com^ee & we shall consider the matter next week.

Please to remember me very kindly to Mrs. Bliss, & assure her of my high regard & of my affectionate sympathy. Love to all the children.

I remain, dear brother,
yours in the fellowship
of the common
salvation
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 9. 1851

Mr. [illegible]

[illegible] we discussed the question "what [illegible]

[illegible] application [illegible] new mission [illegible]

[illegible] Mr. Wright can [illegible]

to you at large. I have not time to write more at the present time. Please to give my [illegible] regards to [illegible] & others who labor with you.

We shall endeavor to send a faithful & devoted missionary to you as soon as practicable. I hope that the Choctaws will pray much that his coming may be a blessing to you.

I am, very truly
your brother in Christ
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
July 3. 1851

Mr. O. P. Stark,
Sch. Henry Two Guns.
Cattaraugus, N.Y.

Dear Brother.

I have received two letters, one signed by yourself alone, & the other by yourself, Daniel Twoguns & others. I thank you for these letters. I have laid them both before the Com^e.

Yesterday we discussed the question, "What changes, if any, shall be made at Cattaraugus?" The conclusion to which we came was this; that Mr. Wright & Miss Bliss give up the charge of the two Churches in the expectation that a new missionary be sent who shall have the oversight of both; & that Mr. Wright engage more constantly in translating the Scriptures into Seneca. In this he will remain where he now lives.

Mr. Wright can explain the matter to you at large. I have not time to write more at the present time. Please to express my Christian regards to Daniel Twoguns & others who signed with you.

We shall endeavor to send a faithful & devoted missionary to you as soon as practicable. I hope that the churches will pray much that his coming may be a blessing to you.

I am, very truly
your brother in Christ
S. B. Treat.

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Mr. O. P. Stark,
Choctaw Nation.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of May 2 & June, together with your annual report, have been duly received; & I am truly glad that you are able to speak so favorably of the progress of the good work at Good Land. Our heavenly Father has been very gracious to the Choctaws; & the people in your neighborhood have shared largely in his loving-kindness. May the divine blessing still rest upon them! And may they be inclined to profit by their opportunities for knowing his will!

Bro. Byington arrived at the Miss. House last Tuesday in improved health. The two succeeding days he spent with me; & we had full free conversations in regard to the Choctaws. He gave me much pleasure by many things which he stated concerning their state & prospects. We formed plans for his accomplishing the different objects which he has in view; yesterday we went to Andover. One young man has received an appointment for the Choctaw nation, viz. George Pierson; & I hope that another will go eventually, though he thinks he cannot be ready this year. Beyond this, I can promise nothing at present. I believe, however, that we shall get the mission reinforced in due time.

I hope to send out 2 female teachers with Bro. B. one for Good Land, & one for Mount Pleasant. But 3 are wanted among the Cherokees in the autumn, & it may be difficult to procure so many just at this time. We will try, however.

Bro. Byington returns to this place next Tuesday, & will proceed to New York soon thereafter to superintend the printing which is to be done. He will not be able to return, I presume, till November.

Allow me to say again that I hope you will soon be able to preach in Choctaw. I am more & more impressed with the importance of this attainment. You have every thing to cheer & encourage you in your work. The Choctaws are the most impressible of all the Indian tribes; & you have an interesting part of the nation to occupy. Press forward, dear brother, & make yourself an able preacher of God's truth in the native language, & you have every reason to expect an abundant harvest.

You will see some of your facts in the August Herald. In the next no. I hope to publish more about the Choctaws, when the reports shall have come in.

Affectionate regards to Mrs Stark. I give you joy of the "little stranger"; Remember me to Mr Field

Yours in the Gospel

S. B. Treat.

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Miss. House Boston,
July 22d. 1851.

Miss Lois W. Hall
Fall River, Mass

Dear Miss Hall

Your letter of May 9 was duly received; & I am now able to speak with some definiteness as to our need of teachers for the Cherokee mission. We shall want three to go out this fall, & I hope you will be of the number.

It will give me much pleasure to see you personally on this subject. Can you conveniently come to Boston for this purpose? If so, please to inform me of the day you will be here, in advance, & I will be sure to meet you at the Miss. House. You can come in the morning train, & return in the afternoon. I would ask you to call at my house; but my wife is in the country for a few days.

We shall expect to pay your expenses of course.

Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
July 24. 1851.

Rev. Messrs Williamson
& Riggs, Dakota Mission.

Dear Brethren

On my return from Europe last December, Dr. Pomroy put in my hands a memorial addressed by you to the Board on the subject of slavery. The name of another beloved brother was associated with yours; but the public papers inform me today that he is no longer among the living! As I have not received any communication from the mission, I have a faint hope that there may be some mistake in these sad tidings; and yet my fears preponderate. In the want of more authentic intelligence, I will not dwell on theme at present. We are reminded, however, even by rumors such as this, that we are soon to go beyond the agitating scenes of this life, & see nothing but undimmed & undoubted truth.

I had occasion a few weeks since to visit Bro. Potter, of the N. Y. Ind. mission; & we had a conversation on this subject of slavery. He told me that while he was entirely satisfied with the views of the Com. as expressed in the letter of June 22, 1848, he thought the Board had not sanctioned that letter, but, on the contrary, had by implication annulled its force. I then stated the case, as we understand it at the Miss. House, & he expressed himself perfectly content with the present state of the question. On my return I had an interview with Drs Anderson &

Pomroy on this subject, where I read your memorial, & stated my conversation with Bro. Potter; & then remarked that I strongly suspected that you were laboring under a mistake similar to that of Bro. P.; & that it was for this reason that you wrote, "At the last annual meeting of the Board there seems to us to have been a retrograde movement." Without consulting the Comee we have thought it best that I should write to you to say that this is a *mistake*. The letter of June 22. 1848, is in full force. The Comee adhere to it fully, as do all the officers at the Miss. House. We did not *wish* the Board to act on it; but we preferred to have the matter left *just as it is*; for we know perfectly well (1) that if in such circumstances the Board does not annul it, it ratifies it, & (2) we regard ourselves as at perfect liberty to carry out the principles of that letter; & *this we are trying to do*.

This announcement, I presume, will be satisfactory to you & the brethren of your mission; & hence I shall take the liberty of withholding your memorial. The question is surrounded with many embarrassments, & we do not wish to multiply these embarrassments needlessly. The presentation of your memorial might increase the perplexities of the case; & such a result I know you will not desire, unless there be strong reasons therefor.

Not doubting but you will appreciate the feelings which dictate this communication,

I subscribe myself

Your brother in the Gospel

S. B. Treat

Sec. &c &c

Miss. House Boston
July 24, 1851

Rev. T. S. Williamson, M.D.,
St Pauls, Minnesota.

Dear Brother

The report of your station I have received; & though I could wish to hear better tidings than you send us, I am not discouraged. Darker & more hopeless prospects have often become unexpectedly & very suddenly radiant with light from above. So may it be here!

I am anxiously waiting to hear the issue of the treaty efforts. May the Lord control the whole affair, & make it subservient to the good of the red race! The death of Mr Hopkins, if it be a fact, is truly melancholy. He has sometimes written of late in a discouraged strain; but I have hoped he would see better times. Now, alas. he has gone beyond all spheres of earthly usefulness! But it is well with him, I trust. Buttrick, Dr. A. Smith, Richards, Hopkins – all gone!!

Your letter of July 2 I have received, & thank you most sincerely for the historical sketch. I do not know what use I shall make of these pieces; but we always keep such things. They may be truly valuable some day.

Affectionate regards to Mrs W. your sister & children

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
July 29. 1850.

Rev. C. Carpenter,
Southbridge. Mass.

Dear Brother.

I received your letter in relation to Miss Ambler, for which I am much obliged. I should have replied sooner; but I was not able to say just what we want at an earlier day. We shall need three young ladies for the Cherokee mission this fall, one at Park Hill, one at Dwight, & one at Lee's Creek. I hope I have one pretty much engaged for the first; & I have thought that Miss Ambler might take the place which is vacant at Dwight.

I think it will be desirable for me to see her, & I suppose she is not now at Southbridge; but I presume you can get word to her. Can she come to Boston & visit the Miss. House? If she can, I shall be glad to have her do so, we paying her expenses. She had better inform me beforehand when she will be here, so that I may be at home without fail. By making known my wishes in this matter, you will much oblige

Your friend
& brother in Christ
S. B. Treat
Sec. &c.

Miss House Boston
July [illegible]

Mr. Augustus Root
Conway, Mass.

Dear Sir

It was at my request that Dr. Pomroy asked you to visit Boston last Wednesday. I expected Mr. Byington to be here that day, as he was; & I thought we could discuss the subject of your taking a new post among the Choctaws, of opening a school, & more intelligently [illegible] He left for New York this morning, where he will remain some weeks. The place [illegible] is new, i.e. it has never been [illegible] something called [illegible] [illegible] two days from Mr. Byington [illegible] about one [illegible] the Choctaw [illegible] lovely; [illegible] a man [illegible] have a good [illegible] cheerfulness [illegible] the requisite qualifications [illegible] school, hold meetings [illegible] the language, & become a regular [illegible] all necessary [illegible] Should you be inclined to undertake such a service [illegible] do well to correspond with Mr. Byington, & perhaps see him. (care of A. Merwin, N. Y. 150 Nassau St.)

Please to inform me of your decision in the case. Give my affectionate regards to Miss Root, [illegible] remembrance.

Very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

Miſs House Boston
July 25, 1851

Mr. Augustus Root
Conway, Mass.

Dear Sir

It was at my request that Dr. Pomroy asked you to visit Boston last Wednesday. I expected Mr. Byington to be here that day, as he was; & I thought we could discuss the subject of your taking a *new post* among the Choctaws, opening a school, &c more intelligently with his aid. He left for New York this morning, where he will remain some weeks.

The place in question is new, i.e. it has never been occupied. It is sometimes called Wall's district. It is on the Kiamichi, some 2 days from Messrs Wright, Byington, Kingsbury, about one from Pliny Fisk; & it may be 1½ days from the Choctaw Agency. The spot is lonely, without doubt; & a man should have a good deal of self denial & cheerfulness to go there. But one of the requisite qualifications may do *much* good. He will be expected to open a school, hold meetings, &c; & should he get the language, & become a regular preacher in due time, with all needed gifts & graces, it will be all the better.

Should you be inclined to undertake such an enterprise, you will do well to correspond with Mr. Byington, (care of A. Merwin, N.Y. 150 Nassau St.) & perhaps *see* him. Please to inform me of your decision in the case; & give my affectionate regards to Miss Root, of whom I have a very kind remembrance.

Very sincerely yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
July 30, 1850.

Rev. A. Gleason
Northampton, Mass.

Dear Bro.

Your letter of the 28th inst. I have duly received, and I have several things to say in reply. (1) I doubt whether Bro. Byington would be willing to meet you in Hartford, as he has just gone to Newburg & commenced his summer's work. Besides, this visiting & talking with old friends he finds not just the thing for his throat, & he will not return to Stockbridge till about Sept. 1st, & you will doubtless see him.

We want a whole platoon of helpers for the Choctaws. (1) Two female teachers are needed, one at Mt. Pleasant, & one at Good Land. (2) A male teacher (married) is needed at Wade's district, on the Kiamichi, some 20 miles up the stream from Stockbridge, or the Council House. It is far from our missionaries, [illegible] day, [illegible] days & one day from Pine Ridge. But a faithful man, of the right qualifications, may be very useful there. I should like one who will get the language, & grow into a preacher. He should hold meetings from the outset, & gather a regular congregation. (3) Bro. Byington wishes to obtain a steward, in place of Mr. Wendell, a man of higher qualifications, &c.

I have thought it possible we might find some good minister, with an excellent wife, who is not a popular preacher, who would fill this ~~[illegible]~~ niche. He should have business talent, be ready to work with his hands to some extent; & he might do much as a missionary, holding meetings, watching over the spiritual interests of the school, relieving Bro. B. in various ways.

How can you find such a company? All should be prepared to return with Bro. B. In regard to the Steward, it will be well to get his views; for he should have the right man. Address him, "Care of A. Merwin, 150 Nassau St. New York".

I want some 4 or 5 teachers besides, 3 for the Cherokees & 2 (perhaps) for the New York Indians.

3. I wish to see you in regard to becoming yourself a missionary to the Senecas in Cattaraugus Reservation. We are about to make a change there, & the Com. authorize me to confer with you in relation to the matter. When can you come to Boston for this purpose? My family are at West Roxbury, & I do most of my work out there. But I shall be here, I presume, on Friday of this week, Monday & Wednesday of next week. Perhaps you had better write when you will be here; so that I may be sure to see you.

Fraternally yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Jany 30. 1851.

Miss M. J. F. Thayer
Tuscarora.

Dear Miss Thayer.

I presume you have returned to your school before this time; though I hope you have stayed long enough to get thoroughly recruited. The matter of health is one which gives us much thought, & hence we are quite earnest with our missionaries in respect to it. We have lost many valuable lives, & a great deal of money, by reason of the overworking of zealous & useful laborers. Pray, be careful. Some persons need stimulating to activity. I think you, however, need restraining. I place too high an estimate upon your labors to be willing to have you overtask yourself.

Yesterday I proposed to the Comm^ee that they refund the $21 which you expended from your own funds for the school house. They cheerfully passed a vote accordingly. Please to restore the amount which you took from the Savings Bank.

I shall send some pictures of animals with English names, in the box which takes the Heralds to Buffalo. I fear they will be too late for this month; but I presume you will find it there then some 3 or 4 weeks hence. I think you will find them useful in your school. Miss Mudgett had some at Oldtown. You will learn from Mr. Rockwood that a change is contemplated in his operations. Very sincerely & truly yours S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
July 30. 1859.

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscarora,

Dear Brother.

Your letter of July 3 came to hand July 8. After leaving you at Lewiston, Mrs. T. & myself had a pleasant passage to Montreal, but I there found that I must wait three days, in consequence of losing one day in your precincts. Through the kindness of our heavenly Father, however, we were able to visit Mr. Ballantine, & reach home June 26 in good health. We found our children & friends in good health also.

I am much obliged to you for your report & I am glad that you are able to report some good of the Tuscaroras; though the Lord has not blessed your labors among them as you & we could have wished. We will hope that the seed, after being long buried, will spring up, & yield its fruit.

The subject of your leaving your present post I have dwelt much upon since I saw you, & yesterday I laid the matter before the Com. They concur in the opinion to which our minds were tending, when we were together. They think it advisable, on the whole, to make a change, May [illegible] the hope that the [illegible] will become [illegible] interested in the gospel; & that they [illegible] to you, to have been after all! unfaithful in your exhibitions of the truth & [illegible] in urging its claims when they are of [illegible], but another missionary coming directly to them, & all naturally [illegible] a new interest in the message of salvation, & perhaps a blessing may follow. The Com.ᵉ do not adopt the principle of frequent changes, though your mind seems to be leaning that way; they would rather reserve that question for the future. We would endeavor to suit our measures to circumstances, aiming all the while at their highest good.

I have not found any one to take your place, though I am looking about for some one. In regard to the time of your leaving, I have nothing to say in addition to what I intimated when I was at your house. The Com.ᵉ have no disposition to urge forward the matter unduly. I presume you will have no difficulty in finding a pastoral charge where your preaching talent will find ample exercise.

Though we shall doubtless have some correspondence hereafter, I have some peculiar feelings in announcing the result to which the Com. have come. This letter looks very much as if it were "the beginning of the end." It is with pleasure, however, that I reflect, that our intercourse has all been of the most friendly character. And I rejoice that you are able to look at the question of leaving the Mission [illegible] such readiness to obey the will of the [illegible]

May we always, dear Brother, be able to commit ourselves quietly & fearlessly to his guidance! Herein is our comfort; herein is our peace!

I trust you will keep me duly apprised of your movements. Please to present my affectionate regards to Mrs Rockwood & the children. And remember me to Mr & Mrs Kerr & the Mount Pleasants.

I am, as ever,
fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 11. 1856.

Rev. Wm A. Houghton
Northboro, Mass.

Rev & Dear Sir.

I am very anxious to obtain a good missionary for the Cherokees, to be located at Fairfield, the station which was recently occupied by Mr. Butler; & my attention has providentially been directed to you. The place became vacant last fall, & it is very desirable that it should be filled in the course of two or three months. I have looked to various quarters, theological seminaries, ordained ministers &c &c; but hitherto in vain. And now, dear Sir, will you entertain the question of devoting yourself to this interesting tribe of Indians, breaking unto them the bread of life, & aiding them in their march toward a Christian civilization?

If you are disposed to consider the matter, as I hope you may be, you will need to answer many questions, which can be done better orally than in any other way. In this case it will be best for you to come to the Miss. House, & we can discuss the question at length. I shall be happy to see you next Monday or Wednesday; & if you cannot come on either day, please to write & let me know what subsequent day will suit you, & I will be at home.

Very truly & fraternally yours
S. B. Treat, Sec.

Miss. House Boston
Augt. 1. 1851.

Mr. George Pierson,
Andover, Mass.

Dear Brother.

Yours of yesterday I received this morning. Several questions are presented, as 1st "how much shall I get?" I suppose you refer to your own personal preparation, & do not include articles that pertain to housekeeping. If so, I should think you had better take a good supply of clothing, & such books as you will need. And on these points Mr. Byington can give you more information than I can, & I think you had better write to him. You will keep in mind that the missionaries send to the Miss. House very frequently, & we forward such things as they order by New Orleans.

Another question, "where shall I get what I need?" I presume Boston will be the best place; & I think you can purchase part of your clothing ready-made. I do this constantly, & I see not why a missionary may not do it. After obtaining an answer from Mr. Byington, I think you had better come here, & see what you can do. Let me know beforehand when you are coming, that I may be at the Miss. House.

As to the means of payment, the best way will be to get what you need, with bills &c, & then Mr. Hill will let you have the amount necessary.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat, Sec.y

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 1. 1852

Rev. C. Byington
New York

Dear Brother.

Two days ago I sent a line to Mr. Marvin, according to Mr. Barnes's proposals. The type you will receive herewith. I have not obtained them from Mr. Marvin till now.

I hope you have a good boarding place for health. If you have not, do not hesitate to change. Consider this an important matter. We want you to hold out many years in the Master's service.

I have just written my yearly epistle to the missions. I wish it might do good; but it will depend upon the Lord's blessing.

Will you have the goodness to write a report for your station? Messrs. Kingsbury, Hotchkin, Stark & Copeland have forwarded their reports. I have no statistics for Stockbridge since last fall. No letters have come from the boarding schools.

Mr. Edwin Lathrop wishes his sister to accompany you to the Choctaw nation. She will be at Montrose, Penn., some 2 weeks hence, & will expect to hear from you. Please to write thus, "Miss Ruth S. Lathrop, Montrose, Penn."

As ever fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
August 1. 1851.

To the Indian Missions
of the A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Brethren.

The annual meeting of the Board, with the simultaneous assembling of its missions, is at hand. In a few days we shall come together in the great congregation; & you will mingle your voices of prayer & praise in smaller convocations, less observed, indeed, of man, but loved & blessed, I hope & believe, of our Lord & Master. As present with you in the spirit, though absent in the flesh, I desire to sit down, & commune with you of that great Being whom we serve, of his kingdom, & of ourselves as his redeemed children.

By a favoring Providence, which I would humbly & gratefully acknowledge, I was permitted last year to spend this season of holy convocations amid the sublimest scenery of Switzerland. Tuesday morning I bade adieu to Geneva, where Calvin lived & died, but where no monument marks his grave, & directed my course to Chamouni. It was a long day's journey; & it would have been wearisome, had not the wild scenery through which I passed prevented. At night I slept at the foot of Mont Blanc, with a crowd of travelers of every tongue about me; still I thought of the Board, then just assembling at Oswego, & of my brethren far away, but loved & honored none the less. At sunrise next morning I ascended the Mer de Glace & talked by the way with a Christian friend (from London) of the missionary work & its blessed results. In the afternoon I ascended the Flegère;

& there I had a view of Mont Blanc in all its glory. Our good brother Calhoun, of Syria, once said to me, as we were looking at Niagara Falls, "There is God's everlasting sermon!" And so I thought, as I looked at the old monument of the Savoy Alps, "There is God's everlasting sermon!" Next day I went from Chamouni to Martigny by the Tete Noir. Such stern & rugged wildness I had never seen before. Friday morning I rode down the Rhone, through scenes of well remembered loveliness; came to Lake Leman; passed the castle of Chillon; stopped at Vevay, embosomed in its rich vineyards; & then turned my steps toward Berne, the Jungfrau, &c, &c.

But it is not my design to address you as a mere traveller. I would rather speak to you as a thoughtful Christian. I would take you back to Chamouni, & sit down with you in the majestic presence of Mont Blanc. And now let me tell you what reflections have arisen in my mind, with all this affluence of beauty & sublimity in full view.

1. God is very near. It is my sin & shame, that the all-encircling presence of the ever blessed Jehovah is not a more constant & abiding reality. "Alas!" I sometimes say, "when shall I feel habitually that his omniscient eye is upon me!" But here, in this awful presence, with these mountain tops pointing directly to his throne & uttering their testimony to his greatness, I have a deep & almost oppressive conviction that God is very near, God is very near. I am not only gazing at his noblest works; but I am looking at them with him — at my very side! Let me put off my shoes from off my feet, for the place whereon I stand is holy!

2. Of how little [illegible] is man! In my pride & haughti-

ness of heart I am ever prone to exalt & magnify self. True, I have at times, as I thought, known the blessedness of a lowly spirit, & I have learned the truth of what Henry Martyn once said, "I cannot be happy a moment, without some conviction of my own worthlessness." But yet when I think myself the victor, I find myself vanquished. Self is uppermost again, & the battle must begin anew. This great vale of Chamouni, however, is a wonderful preacher. "Look about you, vain man. Take the measurement of these fearful heights. Weigh these immense glaciers in a balance. And then think of Him who spake & it was done, who commanded, & it stood fast. What art thou in comparison with him?"

3. *God is a holy Being.* I have often endeavored to bring before my mind a deep & impressive idea of the holiness of God. I have sometimes felt a painful need of clearer & juster apprehensions of this attribute, all to very little purpose, I fear. But here, looking at the hoary top of Mont Blanc, I have the best material image, the best earthly shadow of this perfection which I can expect to find. Contemplate the dazzling whiteness of this gracefully rounded apex. It is stainless there; it has been for unknown ages; it will be till the end of time. Every year heightens the snowy covering, just as the purposes of God [illegible] around his throne; but the whiteness of today shall be the whiteness of tomorrow. And now look up from the seen to the unseen. Strive to enter within the vail. Alas! I am of the earth, earthy. And yet, methinks, I have some glimpses of the eternal brightness.

4. *The kingdom of God stands firm.* What an image of stability is before me! Generation after generation has sprung up around these old hills, & then passed away. The

long & sad the records of human changes which have taken place in the shadows of these mountains. Could these ancient witnesses speak, what fearful tales would they tell, of personal guilt & political oppression, of church-wrong & state-wrong, of rulers that made themselves stout against God, & professed Christians, aye & ministers too, who did awful dishonor to the religion of Jesus. But amid all, & outliving all, this venerable mount has stood unchanged. And so it is with the Kingdom of God. Men dash themselves madly against it, or cast themselves before its slow-moving wheels, & they will soon crush. The words of the Psalmist are fulfilled: "He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall have them in derision."

But I will not pursue this train of remarks. Perhaps it would have been better if I had said less, at least of myself. I write to you, however, as brethren in Christ; & hence I speak with a frankness that would be unseemly in different circumstances. My object you will readily appreciate. It is that you (as well as myself) may aim [illegible] at living as *in the* *immediate presence* of God. What a change would such a habit work in us! How much better Christians should we be! How much better laborers in his vineyard! And if we feel that the eye of God is ever upon us, we shall find no difficulty [illegible] in *sinking into our* *own* nothingness. As with a balance, when God ascends to his proper place in the soul, self descends. Would that we could all say, "He must increase, but I must decrease." What peace, what joy should we have in his service!

To deepen our humility, let us [illegible] obtain clear views of *the holiness* of *God*. A brother in the ministry once told me that he heard Summerfield, many years before, preach a sermon on this attribute, & such was the effect upon him that he looked down upon the floor to see where & how he could prostrate himself in the dust. I have often wished that I could hear such a sermon. But the Bible has the materials of one far better, & if we have a heart to receive its teachings, we can see the King in his most resplendent purity. And [illegible] it will comfort our spirits, & strengthen our hands, if we keep in mind that God's kingdom must stand forever. We may die in the hottest of the fight, but the victory is sure. We have a Leader who is never defeated. Hence our toils & trials are not in vain; for though we perish in the joining of the battle, our reward will come. The crowning day is not far off; & then forever we shall rejoice with the Lord.

I remain, as ever,

Your affectionate

brother in Christ

S. B. Treat

Sec. &c. &c.

Miss. House Boston
August 1. 1851.

John Paine Esq.
Sec.re Edinburgh:

Dear Sir:

Your esteemed favor of July 1 was duly received. I had a very pleasant visit with Mr. Wright; & my estimation of him as a Christian & a missionary has risen in consequence thereof. For some time to come he will devote himself to the work of translating parts of the Bible into the Seneca tongue; for which he is more competent than any other man. His excellent wife will also engage in the business of translating, to which she is well adapted.

That he may be more at leisure for this labor, we have released him from the care of his charge; but he will do what he can for the pagan Senecas, among whom he is very popular. I hope & pray that he may do much to open their eyes to the glory of Christianity.

On the whole I can truly say that I consider Mr Wright a very valuable missionary. We should hardly know what to do without him.

Owing to an unexpected detention at Lewiston, I had no time to stop at Hanover. I may make a visit to these Indian youth at another time.

I remain, dear Sir
my respectfully & truly
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 1. 1851

Mrs. R. Hopkins,
Dakota Mission.

Dear Madam.

For several years it has been my privilege & pleasure to correspond with your husband; but, now, alas! I write to tender my affectionate condolence to his bereaved partner. When I first saw a notice of Mr. Hopkins' death, I cherished a faint hope that there might be some mistake, and yet I feared that the report was too true. This morning I have received a note from Mr. Huggins which removes all doubt & uncertainty. He has finished his work; & he has gone, I hope & trust, to be forever with his Lord.

I have never seen Mr. H. & hence I have known him only through his letters. I have supposed him to be, however, a faithful & devoted missionary, anxious to ascertain & do his master's will. He has been much tried by the unproductiveness of his field; but I have thought it wise for him to remain where he lived, till we could discover more clearly the will of Providence. Changes will doubtless soon be made in the mission; but he will not participate in them.

Now that I endeavor to te[illegible] my heartfelt sympathy to you & your children, the question meets me, "What can I say?" Your griefs are beyond all human skill. God has taken away your husband & best friend; & there is but one thing that can quell the tumult of your soul, & that is, "He is holy, just & good". He acts as a sovereign, but he does not willingly afflict. His hand is heavy upon you, but it is the hand of one who loves you. Flee, I entreat you, to the shadow of his wings. Rest calmly & sweetly there, & above all, look to the Saviour, who can be touched with a feeling of your infirmities, & who knows all your sorrows better than any one else.

I know not what course you may wish to pursue, what path you may choose for yourself & family; & I do not feel competent to give any advice. The brethren of your mission will do all they can for you, I doubt not; & you will find the Prud. Com. considerate & kind. I hope you confer freely with the mission; & whatever they recommend I presume we shall approve.

Commending you & yours to our Great High Priest, & praying that grace mercy & peace may be multiplied to you,

I subscribe myself,
most affectionately
Yours,
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House, Boston.
August, 1851

Mr. A. G. Huggins,
Dakotas.

Dear Brother

Your brief note of July 15, I have this day received. It contained the first notice of Mr. Hopkins' death, from any member of the mission. I deeply sympathize with my brethren & sisters in this bereavement; & I sincerely pray that it may be sanctified to you & to me. It is somewhat remarkable that we lost 4 ordained missionaries in 31 days, Dr. Smith, June 3, Mr. Richards, June 21, Mr. Butterick, June 28, Mr. Hopkins July 4. But the ways of the Lord are always right!

In regard to your children, we allow $50 to girls & $60 to boys, sent away from home, for 6 years – 12 to 18 – if so much is needed. Many children of missionaries call for less than these sums, or for nothing at all, but if they need assistance to the above amount, in the course of their education, the Comee make grants accordingly. I presume this statement will meet your inquiry. If you send away your children, it may be well to confer with the mission. Kind regards to Mrs. Huggins.

Very truly
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 4. 1851.

To the Indian Missions
of the A. B. C. F. M.

Dear Brethren

I send herewith a copy of a letter which I received not long since from my worthy friend, Mr W. W. Turner, teacher of Hebrew in the New York Theol. Sem. I commend it to your consideration; & if you can aid the Society, of which he is Secy in any way consistent with your other engagements I shall rejoice in your doing so.

Yrs in haste
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston

August 4. 1851.

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To the Indian Missions

of the A.B.C.F.M.

Dear Brethren.

Permit me to call your attention to two or three subjects which may properly come before you at your annual meeting in Sept.

1. In making out your estimates I must request you once more to have a due regard to economy. Though our receipts have increased somewhat during the last year, our debt has also increased; how much we do not know yet, but probably it will be about $40.000. Now we do not ask you to refrain from executing any plan that is really important; indeed, any thing that is essential to the efficiency & success of your operations we shall approve. But so far as you can consistently we wish you to cut down your expenses.

2. The proper development of Christian liberality among your people, particularly among Church members, will be worthy of your notice & consideration. I allude to this topic again because I am more & more convinced of its importance, & because I am persuaded that more can be accomplished in this line of things than most persons [illegible]. The success of Dr. A. Smith, Choctaw, late of [illegible] is clearly in point.

I do not refer solely or mainly to efforts on behalf of the treasury of the Board; though some Societies (the Lond. & Wesleyan particularly) receive much more from their own adherents than we do; but I have in mind a system of giving & doing that is more comprehensive, that reaches a variety of objects & ends, that prepares the Indians for "going alone", "taking care of themselves", when the time of their majority shall have come. What can be done in this way, the brethren on the ground will best know & feel. Of course the Indian missions, being in different stages of progress, are not all prepared for the same measures.

Allow me to say, in this place, that I think some of our missionaries have carried the business of gratuitous education farther than was necessary. It is better that parents should give something, if they can, for many reasons. Perhaps they can pay for books, if for nothing else. And I should be pleased to have you inquire whether the issues of the press are paid for as extensively as is desirable, ~~[illegible]~~ in other cases.

3. The compensation of interpreters is a subject of some importance. In some cases interpreters charge nothing for their services on the Sabbath, or at those meetings which they ought regularly to attend. This the Comm^ee regard as "the more excellent way." It seems to them eminently proper that a Christian should perform this service gratis at such times. Where a missionary calls a man from his business on week days, to interpret for him, &c, there is more reason for a charge, & often a sufficient reason.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Augt. 4. 1851.

Rev. S. Hall,
Ojibwas.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of May 15, May 19, June 23, July 7, report, & July 18, are duly received; & for them I am very much obliged. I hope you will continue to write fully of all that takes place in your field which bears upon your operations.

In regard to the idea of giving up La Pointe, I think we have no occasion to discuss the question just now. The affairs of the Indians are too unsettled to justify any change at present. Providence may resolve all these questions for us in due time. Our duty seems to be to wait & see what the Lord would have us do.

Please to say to Bro. Pulsifer that I received his letter of May 17, & thank him for the same. I would write to him, were I not very busy. This is time for hard work, & that in dog days. I trust he will continue to write to me.

Affectionate regards to Mrs H. & all with you.

Yours in the fellowship
of the Gospel
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
August 4. 1851

Mr. C. C. Copeland
Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother

Your favor of May 26 arrived at the Miss. House when I was absent on a visit to the New York Indians & to the [illegible] Indians in Canada. Since my return I have been very busy. Besides, I have hardly known what to say. In regard to the hiring of a slave to assist Mrs. C. I suppose that I have already written & indicated my feelings. Much as we feel opposed to the employment of slaves, we think that mercy is better than sacrifice. If such a procedure becomes necessary to save a missionary from "breaking down", or his wife, then I know of no principle or rule which can be brought forward in opposition to it. And yet I wish that all reasonable efforts may be made to obtain free labor. That you will make such efforts, I have no doubt.

In respect to the question of an increased expenditure in your branch of the boarding school, if you & the mission think it is clearly called for, I think the Com^ee will allow an additional sum. We are largely in debt, more than we were (at 9,000) but we do not intend

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to withhold any reasonable aid, from our missionaries. I do not think that either you or Mrs C. will be disposed to ask any thing that is unreasonable.

I am sorry that I have not time to write to you at greater length. But I am exceedingly busy. We are in the midst of dog days; & our hard work always comes at this season.

Bro. Byington is at New York carrying his work through the press. We have appointed one young man for your mission; & I shall try to send others soon. The Com^ee^ authorize the employment of a teacher in Wadley's district. also teachers at Good Land & Mt Pleasant.

Christian greetings to Mrs C & all at your station. I have not received Mr Wright's report, but look for it daily.

Sincerely

Truly yrs

S B Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 4, 1851.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother

Your letters of June 3. have been received. The statement which you have made in regard to Mr. Foreman seems to render it expedient that we address you on the subject. You know that we are decidedly opposed to having any of our missionaries purchase slaves, unless it be with a view to immediate emancipation. Mr. F. has not received an appointment from the Board, & hence his relations to us are not precisely those of a missionary. Still we feel embarrassed by your statement; & that we may form a just & well considered opinion in the case, we wish to be more fully possessed of the facts.

1. What is the precise relation of Mr Foreman to your mission at the present time? What labor does he perform? How & what is he paid?

2. What were the circumstances of the purchase? Has any thing been done in regard to emancipation; & if so what? If nothing, what is Mr F's intention in relation thereto?

I have no doubt that our brother F. will at once appreciate our motive in making this inquiry. This subject of slavery is exceedingly delicate & not a little troublesome; & we are carefully watched in many quarters.

Affect. & truly
Yours S. B. Treat

August 7. 1851.

Rev. S. A. Worcester,
Cherokee Mission.

Dear Brother,

I have received your letters of April 17, 25, June 3, June 9, & June 21, & thank you for being so free in your correspondence. What you say under date of June 3, in regard to visiting the Osages is perfectly satisfactory. In several letters you allude to Miss Hitchcock. I am in correspondence with a lady for Park Hill, & I expect to know her answer in a day or two. Should she consent to go, I think she will answer your purpose. I shall make a strenuous effort to obtain *some* person, in season to leave these parts this fall. In yours of June 21 you allude to Mr Chaney. In answer I will say, that he will not go to the Cherokees or the Choctaws this year. You must have a man for Fairfield this autumn, if possible. (?) It is quite doubtful whether he will go to either mission.

I do not know that your letter of April 17 requires an extended notice. The matter of the Dwight school is now settled, & I am trying to get a teacher. I am glad to learn the views of the mission in regard to Mr Ranney's station, & I am certainly anxious to be convinced that no mistake has been committed in this case. As to the occupancy of the Cherokee country by more missionaries, I will express no opinion now. The appeal which is to be sent, will throw additional light upon the subject. That, I presume, will show what is to be done with Mrs. Hoss. At present I am not sure that I understand the plan of the mission.

The remarks which I have just made will apply to your (long) letter of June 30. In regard to the most important topic in that communication, I wrote briefly two days ago. I confess that I feel a little uneasy on this point. If it shall turn out that Mr. Foreman has purchased a slave, to retain her as a slave, whatever may have been her urgency, I am sure we shall be embarrassed. I was sorry to find, in 1848, that Mrs. F. was a slaveholder; but as this was an old matter, & as she held her slave as separate property, I thought we could get along with the fact. But now Mr. F. has become slaveholder, after the discussions which have given us so much trouble; & the case, therefore, assumes a more formidable aspect. If he has not done so, will he not emancipate at once, permitting the slave to work out the purchase money? This would of course relieve the case. Providence evidently designs to keep the slavery question in a state of agitation for a long time to come; & we can hardly expect to be altogether quiet, so long as this is the case.

Yours most sincerely
in the bonds
of the gospel

S. B. Treat.

P. S. Your report of June 12 I should have acknowledged at the commencement of this letter. S.B.T.

Miss. House Boston
Aug 7. 1851

Rev. S. W. Pond,
Prairieville, Dakotas.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of June 23 arrived yesterday. I am glad to receive your report, though it does not disclose a prosperous state of things. I expect no improvement till the removal shall have been effected. What we shall have then, of encouragement or discouragement, the Lord only knoweth. It is obviously our duty to wait patiently for the issue.

Your request to visit New England next fall, I laid before the Comm^ee^ yesterday. If it shall then seem best, in view of the state of your mission at the time, they cheerfully assent to your coming.

As it is our infelicity to be obliged to do our hardest work in the hottest weather, you will excuse the brevity of this epistle.

Christian regards to Mrs Pond.

I remain, as ever
affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 7. 1855

Miss L. W. Hall.
Rehoboth Vill. Mass.

Dear Miss Hall.

Your favor of yesterday I have this morning received, & I am truly glad to learn your decision. I trust it is of the Lord. And should you be permitted to engage in the missionary work, I hope & pray that he may add his blessing. In the mean time, if you will receive a word of counsel, you will do well to cultivate a humble, self-renouncing, Christ-like spirit. Strive to enter into the sympathies of our blessed Saviour, as he looks upon this fallen world. How does he regard sin? How does he long for the salvation of the millions that sit in darkness! But you will easily follow out this train of thought.

There is no necessity for your sending us your testimonials immediately. Nor is there any need of your giving up your school at once. I am not at present able to say when you will go to the Cherokees. Not before October I presume; perhaps not till November. The future only can settle this point.

Affectionately &
truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 7, 1851.

Rev. M. N. Adams,
Quincy, Illinois.

Dear Brother.

Your favors of June 3 & June 14 have been duly received. Absence on official business, & an abundance of labor in hot weather, must be my apology for not replying at an earlier date.

I am glad to hear that the health of Mrs. Adams is improving, & I sincerely hope that she may be fully restored. With this blessing may she receive also a full measure of spiritual health, so that her usefulness may be increased.

As to your own plans, it seems to me quite clear that you should continue in your present sphere for the present. The future our kind Master will take care of, & we may safely wait for the revelations of his will. The treaty just made will materially affect the prospects of the Dakotas; whether favorably or the contrary remains to be seen. Mr. Hopkins' death is a sad event. May it be sanctified to the mission & to us. Four ordained missionaries died in 31 days. June 3 — July 4.

Your resigning the commission of the Home Miss. Soc. for the current year will not dissolve your relation to us, in the present circumstances. It is simply a carrying out of the scheme which the Com^ee have approved.

Affect. regards to Mrs. Adams, Fraternally yours, S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
August 7. 1851

Mr. J. W. Hancock,
Red Wing, Min. Territory

Dear Brother.

Your letters of May 13 & June 25 were duly received; & I have been endeavoring for some time to answer them; but I have not been able to do so. Our hardest work, unfortunately, comes in the hottest weather.

I thank you most sincerely for writing to me so fully in regard to the course of events at your station. In the annual report, which must soon be written, I can now speak intelligently of your operations. The true policy of all missionaries is to write freely & fully to the directing bodies.

Your invitation of Mr & Mrs. Aiton to join you at Red Wing appears to have been a judicious measure; & it has my approbation. You say they "expect to stay one year at least, without reference to being reappointed members of the mission." The mission, as you know, have given their opinion in favor of the return of Mr & Mrs A. But in consequence of the uncertainty of every thing pertaining to our future operations, till we shall know what the treaty shall provide & promise, I think it best to defer acting on this question in Comm^ee^ for the present. This I suppose will perfectly accord with their feelings. If we go into the matter of boarding schools, I presume Mrs. Aiton's services will be in immediate requisition. If Should the mission need other laborers, as I confidently expect, especially since the lamented death of Mr Hopkins, I know of no impediment to his reappointment.

I will thank you to give my Christian salutations to Mr & Mrs. [illegible] & to Miss Rankin, if she is with you; & inform them of what I have written. I shall be happy to hear from Mr Aiton; though I have found him a very *concise* correspondent.

I remain, as ever

affectionately

Yours

S. B. Treat

I have received several communications from you, for which I return my thanks, viz. your letters of June 20. & July 14, & the [illegible] for the [illegible] of the [illegible]. For the latter I am [illegible] obliged; I would make some remarks on the subject, were there time at my disposal. But I have [illegible] none of that commodity, except for the most necessary uses.

The subject of your leaving your station, for the purpose of carrying the Lexicon through the press, I have brought before the Comee & they cheerfully assent to your doing so, provided you can make the necessary arrangements for Lac-qui-parle. Any thing that you & the mission shall agree upon in the premises, will have our approbation. By the terms of the vote the matter is left in your hands; but the death of Mr Hopkins may induce you to consult the mission afresh. I do not advise this course, however, unless you shall deem it expedient.

The event to which I have just alluded, is truly melancholy; but it is the Lord who has done it; & hence it is right. Please to assure Mrs H., that if the mission shall [illegible] her services desirable, in their future arrangements for the Dakotas, I shall favor her remaining, & I have no doubt the Comee will yield their assent. Dr Williamson has written [illegible] Mr H. I shall prepare a notice from your letter [illegible]

regards to Mrs R. who is of course included in the permission to come

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 7, 1851.

Rev. S. R. Riggs,
Dakotas.

Dear Brother.

I have received several communications from you, for which I return my thanks, viz. your letters of June 20, & July 14, & also your Plan for the Civilization of the Dakotas. For the latter I am particularly obliged; & I would make some remarks on this subject, were there time at my disposal. But I have really none of that commodity, except for the most "necessary uses".

The subject of your leaving your station, for the purpose of carrying the Lexicon through the press, I have brought before the Comee & they cheerfully assent to your doing so, provided you can make the necessary arrangements for Lac-qui-parle. Any thing that you & the mission shall agree upon in the premises, will have our approbation. By the terms of the vote the matter is left in your hands; but the death of Mr Hopkins may induce you to consult the mission again. I do not advise this course, however, unless you shall deem it expedient.

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My regards to Mrs R. who is of course included in the permission to come

East this fall, & also to all your fellowlaborers. May the Lord be present at your annual meeting.

I remain, as ever,
Yours in the
Gospel of Christ
S. B. Treat

P.S. I recently paid Bro Potter a visit at his new station. I found him hard at work, & apparently contented in his lot. Mrs P. is better in health than she was among the Dakotas. Miss Edwards is usefully employed. S. B. T.

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Miss. House Boston
Aug 7 1851

Rev C. Byington
New York

Dear Brother

I received your letter & report this morning. I am sorry that you cannot give me the statistics, for this is just what I most want. In the last report the no. of members was set down at 122. Can't you tell how many have been added on profession, & by letter more. Perhaps you can think of all the changes, so as to state the present no. I have reports of all the brethren. Nothing has come from your [illegible]. I wish to publish a full account of the mission in the Sept Herald; but Nothing in statistics I abhor.

I send a letter which I have written to the Choctaw mission for your inspection, & that you may write to the brethren what shall be done with Mr Riordan.

I have seen Mr. Gleason & he has commenced a search for helpers. He will go to the [illegible] of Indiana I think.

Yours in
haste
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug. [illegible]
To the Choctaw Mission.
Dear Brethren

I have sent three communications to you, all addressed to the "Indian missions of the A.B.C.F.M." The different brethren who shall have received them, I doubt not, will lay them before your body at the Sept. meeting. There are two or three subjects on which I will say a word to you particularly.

1. Mr. Geo. Pierson, of Andover Sem. expects to join you in November. He will receive ordination at the west; whether he will go out single or married, I don't know. The question is not decided. He will endeavor to master the language, & I think he will succeed, if you give him a good chance, which I especially desire & ask; though his gifts in that line are not at all uncommon. I think him a young man of excellent spirit, decided piety; that he is ready to work, & that he will do well in commencing a new station, so far as manual labor, &c. are concerned, should you at any time think this advisable.

I write to say that perhaps you had better take some action in regard to his location at your Sept. meeting. What that should be I will not venture to suggest. I shall send this to Bro. Byington, that he may give you his views.

2. The Com. have authorized the appointment of a male teacher in Wall's district, & I have given directs

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ing to have one found for the place. We are looking for female teachers also to Good Land & Mt Pleasant, & I shall not willingly fail of sending them, as requested.

3. Bro. Byington will inform you of our action in regard to his plans. He has been authorized to do all that he had in his heart in the way of printing.

And now may the Great Husbandman be present with you, & bestow his grace upon you more & more.

Yours in the
Service & hope
of the gospel
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Aug 7. 1851.

Rev. G. H. Pond,
Dakotas.

Dear Brother

Your letter of June 10, I would thankfully acknowledge. In it you gave your station report, which shows that it is, indeed, the day of small things with you. But I attach less importance to the state of things, as being persuaded that it must soon vanish away. Whether the coming dispensation shall be any better or not, I do not know.

I am looking for the issue of the recent attempts at treaty-making with very special interest, mingled with some degree of solicitude. The Lord only knows what is to come. May we ever be willing to do our duty!

In regard to Mr. Aiton, I think our proper course is to wait & see what missionary force will be needed hereafter. The Com^{ee} will not feel like acting on the case as matters now are; & I presume he will not wish it.

The Dakota Friend I read with pleasure; & I hope it will do good.

Christian regards to Mrs Pond.

Fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Aug. 7. 1851

Rev. T. S. Williamson M.D.
St Paul, Minnesota Ter.

Dear Brother

I sent you a brief letter a few days ago. I now sit down to acknowledge yours of July 16. Your obituary notice of Mrs Hopkins was very acceptable. Mr Riggs has sent a letter on the same subject; from the two papers I shall prepare something for the Herald.

I am impatient to hear the result of the recent effort at treaty making. I have felt for some time a very deep interest in the question, supposing that the future of the Indians would depend very much upon it. I shall be glad to learn all I can on the subject.

Herewith I send two letters which you will please to lay before the mission.

Kind regards to Mrs W. and all with you.

Yours truly
S. B. Treat

Dear Brother

I have sent to different brethren three letters addressed to the [illegible] [illegible] contemplated, & [illegible] you shall adopt your plan [illegible] you will need that wisdom which cometh from above. I will not enter into any [illegible] questions.

I have noticed your action in the case of Mr [illegible], but we prefer to wait a little before [illegible] the question of his reappointment. It is barely possible that the new treaty will affect our views in the premises.

Yours in the gospel of Christ
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Aug 7, 1851

To the Dakota Mission

Dear Brethren

I have sent to different brethren three letters, addressed to the "Indian Missions of the A.B.C.F.M." These you will doubtless have before you.

The minutes of your late meeting were kindly forwarded to me by Br. Hopkins; other papers came late to hand. Your coming together in Sept. will be a very important event, & I doubt not an unusual solemnity will pervade your hearts. God has spoken to you in most affecting tones; & you will feel at first like sitting down, silently & reverently, that you may the better hear his words. May he give you wisdom to profit by these trying dispensations, & may good come of it for the poor Dakotas!

The treaty will doubtless come before you for your consideration, the changes contemplated, & how you shall adapt your plans to them. Grave questions will doubtless arise, & you will need that wisdom which cometh from above. I will not anticipate your deliberations.

I have noticed your action in the case of Mr Aiton; but we prefer to wait a little before we consider the question of his reappointment. It is barely possible that the new treaty will affect our views in the premises.

Yours in the gospel of Christ
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 7 1858.

Rev. A. Wright
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother

I have not received the statistics of the Cattaraugus churches, or of the schools on your Reservation. Can you send them to me without delay? Nothing else will be necessary. Bro Bliss will give you his; or he can send them to me directly, if he prefers. I shall write to him very soon.

I have seen Bro Gleason, who is willing to go to Cattaraugus, & enter into the labors of Bro Bliss & yourself. I think the Comee will appoint him soon, to go when Bro Bliss is ready to leave.

I send herewith two letters for your mission. Please to lay them before the brethren

Affect. regards to Mrs Wright

Very truly
Yours
in haste
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 7. 185[illegible]

Rev. C. C. Copeland,
Mount Pleasant.

Dear Brother,

Your letters of [illegible] & [illegible] June [illegible] & July 9 have come duly to hand. [illegible] this hot afternoon to acknowledge their receipt [illegible]; but I have scarcely time to write a line, & [illegible] be called upon [illegible] for months.

I have [illegible] your [illegible] of your labors [illegible] our field [illegible]. [illegible] in [illegible] & sympathy, & [illegible] your [illegible] in your spirit [illegible] will [illegible] you in [illegible]. I have written to the [illegible] of the [illegible]. [illegible] in [illegible]. [illegible] but one [illegible] to say, [illegible] the Choctaw language? I [illegible] on this point.

I have given directions to [illegible] for the [illegible] teacher procured for Mount Pleasant, & [illegible] you will see one in due time. Bro. Byington is improving in health. He is now in New York. I saw Bro. Potter recently at his present station. All well.

Kind regards to Mrs C. Fraternally yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
August 9, 1851.

Rev. C. Kingsbury
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother,

Your report was duly received, as also your letter of July 4. I am thankful that you are able to speak so favourably of the work, and I hope the Lord will continue to smile upon it. I have now received the reports of all the stations; and I rejoice that so much has been accomplished for the Redeemer's kingdom among you. I have not ascertained the number of accessions to the churches, but there must be 120-130.

Brother Byington had a cordial welcome from us; and I was particularly glad to see him once more in the flesh. He spent a Sabbath at Andover, and interested the people very much by his statements. He is now superintending the printing in New York. I hope his health is improving.

We send one missionary, Rev. Geo. Pierson, before the fall. I think he will make a useful and kind fellow labourer. Next year we must send you two missionaries (ordained) if possible. The other help that you need, we are endeavoring to furnish.

Our Brother Gleason, I think, will become missionary among the New York Indians, occupy-ing the house which Mr. Bliss now has, & agreed to make a change in the [illegible] [illegible], the state of things there having become very much enlarged & perplexed. I hope Mr. [illegible] [illegible] talents may improve it [illegible] to the field.

You will be surprised to hear that your old friend Breck has become a licensed preacher of the [illegible]. What inspiration he makes I know not. I hardly think he will join your mission again.

I would be glad to write more at length. But I am very busy engaged & the weather is very warm. Kind regards to Mrs. H. & all at your station.

I remain, as ever,
paternally &
affectionately
yours
S. [illegible]

Miss. House, Boston
August 1, 1855

Rev. A. Wright
Wheelock, C. Na.

Dear Brother

Your full & interesting report of Wheelock station I received two days ago. I am glad you have gone so much into detail; & should wish that all our missionaries would adopt your method. I hope to give an abstract of all the reports in the Sept. Herald. The results of the year are very favorable. Mr. Hotchkin reports admissions to the number of 81.

I am sorry that we shall not be able to send a larger number of missionaries to your field this fall. Mr. Geo. Pierson will go out in Nov.; & I think he will develop well. He will not succeed in getting the language as readily as some would, but he is determined to preach in Choctaw, or quit the nation; & I think his perseverance will conquer. He will be able & willing to work; & I have no doubt he will gain the confidence & affection of the mission. Another member of the Senior Class at Andover, of higher qualifications, is considering the subject; but if he goes at all, he will not join you this fall. Next year we must send another reinforcement.

The Commee [illegible] [illegible] specially expect to the occupancy of Judge Wade's district; & we are looking for the man who is to commence operations there, should like to get one who will acquire the language & grow into a good (ordained) missionary. I have requested our agents to find female teachers for Good Land & Mt Pleasant.

Bro. Byington is pursuing his way quietly in New York, & I hope his health is improving. He ought not to speak much at present. He delivered an address at Andover which was quite creditable & acceptable. You will have learned that he is authorized to print all that the mission desired.

During a recent visit to the N. Y. Indian mission, I saw Bro. Potter & family. They are hard at work, clearing up a heavily timbered lot; but Mrs P. is better than she was formerly. I was glad to hear Bro. Potter speak kindly of your mission. So far as I know, he has conducted with much propriety, in regard to the dividing question between you & him, since he left your ranks. Mr Strong is in New England, I hear, but I know nothing more of him. Mr. Breed (formerly at Pine Ridge) is a licensed preacher! He is a student at East Windsor.

But I must close. You know we have our hard work in dog days, & I must write brief letters.

Please to present my affectionate regards to Mrs Wright, & your fellow laborers.

Yours very truly in the fellowship of the gospel

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
August 9 1851

Rev. E. Hotchkin,
Choctaw Mission

Dear Brother.

Your letter of June 30, embracing a report for Goodwater for the past year, came duly to hand; & I was made truly glad by its perusal. I sometimes regret that you do not write more frequently to the Miss. House; but if you always have as good reasons for silence as you have had of late, & send as good an account of your labors, when you do write, I shall not scold very much.

I sympathize with you & your good wife in all your toils & trials; though I confess that I do not fully understand & appreciate them. But I have some idea of what it is to perform such a variety & amount of labor, in such circumstances; & I earnestly pray the Master to lighten your burdens as much as may be, & give you strength equal to your day. He is a good Master, & he knows all that we do & suffer.

You have had many exhortations to be careful & moderate in all your doings. Receive one more from an old friend. Have a due & seemly care of your own mortal body, & of that other one who has been a help meet, indeed. "A word to the wise" is

Our Bro. Byington has made me a visit. I hope to see him again before he returns. Indeed, I think he will not go back till late in the fall. His health requires care & rest. He is now carrying his books through the press in New York, boarding in Brooklyn. He spent a Sabbath in Andover, & interested the people by his statements.

I have secured one good brother from Andover to go out this fall to the Choctaws. I think he will do well, though he does not stand as high as a scholar as some of his classmates. I trust he will be willing & able to work; & I believe the brethren will find him kind & fraternal in his intercourse. Next fall - 1852 - I hope to send out at least 2 other ordained laborers.

I received a call from Miss Fay a short time since; & it did me good to see her face. She will be ready to return early in the fall, & I hope nothing will detain her.

A few weeks since I made a visit to Bro. Bliss's station among the New York Indians. He has had a job of clearing to do, which neither you nor I would covet. He seems happy, however; & his wife has better health than she formerly had.

It gave me much pleasure to see Miss Hosmer's friends recently, but I presume Miss Fay has written an account of her visit to them.

Christian greetings to Mrs H. & all at Goodwater

Very affectionately & truly yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
August 9. 1851.

Rev. Joshua Potter,
Allegany Res.

Dear Brother.

I have been wishing for some days to acknowledge your letter of July 1; but I have not had a moment's leisure. To us at the Miss. House it seems a special infelicity that we must do our hardest work in dog days; but we cannot help it. We are but 4 working weeks from our annual meeting, & I have not been able to begin my preparation for that ~~annual meeting~~ occasion. You will allow me, therefore, to be brief.

I send a letter to the mission herewith, which you will please show to Bro. Hall, & present to the meeting to be held by you in Sept. I hope to see Bro. Hall in these parts at that time; but I thought he might wish to see this letter before coming East.

Mr Gleason consents to go to Cattaraugus, & occupy Mr Bliss' house. I think the Com^ee will appoint him next Tuesday. I hope & pray that the Lord may go with him to this new field.

Mr Breed (late of the Choctaw mission) is a licensed preacher! He is studying at East Windsor. Bro Byington is in New York carrying sundry works thro' the press.

Affectionate regards to Mrs P. & your associates. Mrs. Treat speaks of her visit with pleasure, & would send love if here. Yours &c S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
August 12. 1857.

Rev. Anson Gleason,
Charlestown, N. H.

Dear Brother

I have the pleasure of announcing the appointment of yourself & your wife to the New York Indian mission. May the Lord add his blessing!

I am not able to say any thing more as to the time of your going. Mr Bliss is expected to be here next week, when I shall probably know more about his plans &c. If I learn more definitely what may be relied upon, I will inform you.

The Com^ee have voted you $50 this afternoon, in accordance with your request, made through Dr. Pomeroy.

Now for the matter of teachers. I am sorry to say that Miss Amsden, of Southbridge, has given us the slip. Hence we must look for a female teacher for Knight's, in addition to Rose whom I have already mentioned. We must have them all.

Rev Mr. Houghton, late of Northboro, will not consent to go to the Cherokee mission, in place of Dr. Butler. "Whom shall we send?" Look about & see.

Kind regards to Mrs G. your daughters, Miss Fox, &c

Fraternally & very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

P. S. Yours of August 9 I have received. The western teachers have come to nothing.

Miss. House, Boston
August 12. 1851

Rev. T. E. Ranney,
Cherokees.

Dear Brother,

Your letter of June 24, containing the minutes of a mission meeting, was duly received; as was your favor of June 29. The former I read with great interest, as I always do such documents; but I was sorry to peruse your account of the doings of the Baptists, not that you have written what you have, but that they have given any occasion for such a report. I earnestly hope & pray that the Lord will bring that question to a happy issue.

You refer to my printed circular as not having reached you. I wrote to you on the 29th of May, & inclosed the printed letter in the same envelope. I hope it has reached you before this time, & that your reply is near at hand. I must write the report for the Cherokee mission in a few days.

I have not succeeded as yet in procuring a man for Fairfield. This morning a letter came to me with another declinature. It is not easy to find a man & woman who unite all the needful qualifications, who can be had. The health of the wife is often difficulty; but a lack of a broad & comprehensive missionary spirit is perhaps a greater obstacle.

Mr Breed, late of the Choctaw mission, is now a licensed preacher! Perhaps he wants to go to Fairfield! She has been studying at East Windsor Seminary.

I am anxiously looking for your appeal. I hope it will present a view of your field, which will stir up some interest in the Cherokees, & lead others to devote themselves to this mission. What is done with Mr. Huss, I am not informed; but I suppose I shall know in due time. A change then I had not anticipated.

Miss Mary Jane West, or rather Mrs McFarland, called upon me the other day. I was truly glad to see her; as I had not before heard of her marriage. She has not become very matronly as yet; but she is amiable, & I doubt not, will make a good wife. We talked about Lee's Creek & the residents there.

The changes in your nation during the year will naturally lead to some profitable reflections at your Sept. meeting. Two of your small number have passed away from all earthly scenes. And death is doing his work in these parts. Rev. Wm M. Rogers is to be buried from this city tomorrow; & Rev. Samuel Temple from Reading, his birth place. The latter died in the house where he was born. And he was ready to die, emphatically. May we be like him!

Affectionate greetings to Mrs Ranney.

I remain as ever,

Sincerely &

fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Augt 13. 1851

Rev. W. Willey,
Cherokee Mission,

Dear Brother

Your letters of May 28, June 14, & your annual report, have been duly received. The contents of the first require no special answer. As to the report & the other letter I will say a few words specifically.

I. The report. This is full & satisfactory; for I think it exhibits all the facts which I need for our annual report. Of course, if you could have given us larger results in some particulars, it would have been gratifying; but we will thank the Lord for what he has done, & take courage for the future. I shall make some use of this communication in the Oct. Herald. Time has been wanting to do what I wished in regard to the Indian missions for the Sept. Herald; & I have thought it best to wait, therefore.

II The letter of June 14. I have looked upon Mr. Butrick as a confirmed invalid, whose days might come to a close at almost any time; so that I was not surprised by the announcement of his death. He was a good man. May all your missionaries be so well prepared for their end!

You will have seen already the notice

of him which was published, also what use was made of your letter. If I had possessed ampler materials, I should have prepared a longer notice.

Your annual meeting will be an occasion of peculiar interest & solemnity. Two deaths in your little circle! Such things are earnest & eloquent preachers. May they obtain the ready ear! You will have seen that death has been busy among our missionaries of late. Three died in 5 days!! We must work while it is day.

I have noticed what you say in regard to the monument to Mr & Mrs Butrick. I hope Dea. Proctor will assume the direction of the matter. I have taken measures to put the question before him. I shall probably know more in a few days.

You will receive herewith my annual Epistle. Please to lay it before the brethren. I sent a letter yesterday for Mr Ranney, directed to Dwight, because I thought he might not receive it through Flint, P.O. It has a mission letter. If he does not get it, seasonably, please to open it.

We are trying to obtain a teacher for Dwight. I am sorry that the decision of the mission did not come a little sooner. I had an excellent teacher in my eye for the place; but when I wrote for her, on learning your action, I found I was just too late!

You have heard from Mr Still in regard to the supplies. Hence I need not explain.

We are just going to dear Temple's funeral at Reading. Mr Goodell preaches the sermon.

In haste, yours affect. S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Aug. 16. 1851

Miss C. A. Fay,
Westboro. Mass.

Dear Miss Fay

Your letter of yesterday reached me this morning; & a few minutes afterwards Mr. Chamberlain entered my room. I had not received Mr. Cady's letter; but I was glad nevertheless to see Mr C. I like him very well; I fear, however, that his wife will not bear the climate. As Mr. Gleason is looking for a steward for Stockbridge, I told Mr. Chamberlain that perhaps we had better defer the question for 3 or 4 weeks. If Mr. G. should find the right man, with a vigorous wife, it might be an indication of Providence that Mr C. should not join the mission at present. Besides, I should prefer to have Mr Byington see him, before deciding. Mr. C. was perfectly satisfied with this arrangement.

I think Miss Hardy, with her views, had better not go to the Choctaws. I may want her, however, for Mr. Potter's family & neighborhood. How will she answer to live with Mr. P. & teach the school, his children & young Senecas, &c?

I am very sorry we cannot have a visit from you. We shall be in town the 1st week in Sept. Is that too late?

Affectionately yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
August 16. 1851

Rev. C. Byington,
New York City.

Dear Brother

Yours of 13 & 14. with the article for the journal, I found in my box this morning. I shall give the article to Mr. Hale, for the journal. It is too late, however, for the Sept. no. That has gone to press.

Miss Fay has written to me concerning Mr. & Mrs. Chamberlain, the candidates for the stewardship at Stockbridge, (tho' it is not clear that they wish to go, if we wish it;) & I have had an hour's talk with Mr C. this forenoon. I was not *carried* away with his *first* appearance; but the longer I saw him, the better I liked him; & yet I am not sure that he will come up to *your idea*. His wife, however, is not vigorous, & does not bear hot weather well. I have told him, therefore, that he had better reserve the question for the present. I wish to know what Mr Gleason thinks; & I also desire you to see Mr C. & his wife, before we decide to send them. She has a *good* spirit apparently.

The *teacher* that ~~she~~ Miss Fay speaks of, ought not to join the mission, because of her views on the slavery question.

Mr Root will not go out, I think; tho' I have not heard from him. He is *not* the man.

Affect. yours

S. B. Treat

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Miss. House. Boston
Aug. 19. 1857.

Rev. A. Wright.
Cattaraugus,

Dear Brother

Your favor of Aug. 16. came to hand this morning, & I thank you for the contents. Bro. Bliss has not arrived; but I expect him daily.

In regard to the schools, I think you had better keep them in operation till Bro. Gleason arrives. It does not seem desirable that any changes should be made just at this time. How soon he will be with you, I cannot say. Indeed, it depends very much upon Bro. Bliss' movements. I presume he will be ready when Bro. B. leaves.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. Wright &c.

In special haste
Yours &c

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 19. 1850.

Rev. T. S. Williamson M. D.
Dakotas.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Aug. 7 I have just received; & you can well suppose that I have read it with very great interest. In the pressure of all our preparation for the annual meeting, there is not time to go into the questions involved at the present; & I merely write to make one or two suggestions.

1. I take it for granted that you will have a mission meeting in Sept. three weeks hence; & I hope the course which ought to be pursued by us, in view of the late treaties, will be thoroughly canvassed, & the result reported to me. Perhaps you may not know enough of the designs of the U. S. Govt. to act definitively; but you may gain something by hypothetical discussions & plans.

In regard to the Com. I think you will find them ready to adopt a liberal policy in your altered circumstances. We dread boarding schools; but if we can go into the system among the Dakotas under favorable auspices, I presume we shall do so. I think the time is at hand for such a step.

2. We have no plans of boarding schools among our different missions. The circumstances of each

school are so different, that we have not endeavored to introduce any particular plan, but left the brethren to suit themselves. Perhaps you might gain some light by writing to the Choctaw mission. Bro. Hotchkin is perhaps your man, if you write to only one. His post office address is Doaksville, Choctaw Nation. Mr Kingsbury, – same address – might give you valuable hints.

I might get plans of boarding schools in New England perhaps; & yet I am not sure. If it would aid you, I would request Rev. I. R. Worcester, Dist. Sec. for Mass. to make some inquiry, & perhaps visit some schools. Should you wish his services, please to give him as many facts & hints, to direct his investigations, as you can.

It occurs to me that Dr. Butler, of the Cherokee Nation, has recently taken charge of the National Female Seminary; & he might have some thoughts that would be of use. His wife is a _smart_ woman, & could possibly say something. The building which he occupies is quite costly, too much so; still he may have his thoughts. Address Rev. E. Butler M.D. Tahlequah, Cherokee Nation.

Affectionate regards to all.

Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Aug. 19. 1851.

Mr. Augustine Root
Conway. Mass.

Dear Sir.

Mr. Byington has sent me the letters which you addressed to him; & Dr. Pomroy has placed in my hands yours of Aug. 16. It has occurred to me that a few words from me at this time might aid you in your decision.

After looking through all your correspondence, my mind has rather run in the direction of your older brothers'. I have serious doubts whether the situation which we wish to fill, will be adapted to your tastes; & I fear it will tax your physical energies too strongly & severely. The post will be one of special self-denial, &, to one unaccustomed to all sorts of manual labor, of trial & hardship at first. Were Norwalk school vacant, you might be happy & useful in the business of teaching among the Choctaws. But in Walls district it will be a different affair.

Of course I give these as my *present* impressions merely. Perhaps I have formed a wrong estimate of your character; but I suspect you will enjoy missionary life as a preacher better than as a teacher in such a place as we are aiming to supply. If you should still wish to have an interview, I will thank you to come in the first week in Sept. as I shall be *very* busy till then. Yours &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House. Boston
Augt 19. 1859

Rev. Sol. Clark
Belcham. Ct.

Dear Brother

It was with regret that I received your letter, declining to go to the Cherokees. I now write to see if you will consent to take charge of our operations among the Tuscaroras, near Niagara Falls. They have about 6000 acres of land, one half of which is under cultivation. They are not numerous, - 300 or more I suppose, - but a missionary will find enough to do; & I regard it as an interesting field. Some of your objections to going to the Cherokees, will not arise here.

If you are inclined to consider this question, I shall be glad to confer with you, either here or at West Roxbury, where I am staying for a short time. I shall be at the Miss. House next Friday, also Tuesday of next week. Please to let me hear from you on this subject at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully -
very truly -
Yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss Howe Boston
Aug 20. 1851

Rev. A. Wright
N. Y. Indians

Dear Brother

I write in great haste to inquire about a Miss Howe who once taught among the Indians, a number of years, & left on account of her health. She is now in Vermont, & wishes to become a teacher again. I understand she was once associated with you.

Is she qualified to go among the Cherokees or Choctaws? What do you know about her? Please to let me know your opinion

Yrs &c

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug 20, 1857

Rev. A. Gleason
Charlestown N.H.

Dear Brother

I can spend but a moment in reply to your favor of the 19th. In regard to Miss Grimes & Miss McCormick, I need say nothing at present. As to Miss Worthington, if she is just the person for Dwight in the matter of qualifications, the Methodist question will not of course be a barrier. She can join the church at Dwight, I suppose, & thus obviate the difficulty. She ought, however, to be with us in doctrinal views & general sympathies. In other words, if she is right in all things but church relations, we can appoint her, especially if she will join the Dwight Church.

As to Miss Howe, I know nothing at all. Perhaps you had better see Miss Darling of Keene, & see what her qualifications are. In the mean time, I will write ~~[illegible]~~ to Rev A Wright & get his opinion. You can let the case with Miss Darling remain uncertain till we know more. If there is no special reason for seeing Miss Darling, you can wait a few days till I write again. Perhaps this is the best way. I have two names for the N.Y. Indians. You or S.B. Treat

Miss. Rooms Boston
Aug. 22 1851.

Rev. S. W. Hanks,
Lowell, Mass.

Dear Brother

I have received a letter from Miss Mary C. Metcalf of Hadley, in regard to joining the New York Indian mission as a teacher. She wrote in consequence of a suggestion that came from you; & I presume you are acquainted with her character & qualifications. It is not absolutely certain that we shall send any teachers to this mission this fall; but I presume we shall. Rev. Mr. Hall will be here, I expect, in a few days; then we shall know.

In the mean time I should like to know more about this young lady. Will you give me the necessary information.

Fraternally
Sincerely
Yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms Boston,

Miss. Mary A. Metcalf
N. Hadley Mass.

Dear Miss M.

Your favor of Aug. 16 was received two days ago, & I will now reply very briefly. We have not fully decided to send any teachers to the New York Indians this fall; but I rather think we shall do so. I expect that Mr. Hall of that mission will be here in a few days, & I propose waiting to see him before coming to a definite conclusion. I will keep in mind what you have written; & very likely you will hear from me again in a short time.

Respectfully & sincerely

S. B. Treat
Secretary

Miss. House, Boston,
August 22, 1848.

Rev. Wm. Hall,
New York Indians.

Rev. & Dear Sir.

Should you come to Boston this fall, as I hope you will, we shall have occasion to discuss the question of schools among the Senecas. You know that for two years past, especially, we have been kept in some degree of suspense & uncertainty on this subject, because the intentions of the State of New York were unknown to us. And I feel that much has already been lost, for want of suitable efforts in this direction.

Our extensive operations forbid our doing for the Senecas all which they need in the way of education. We are disposed, however, to coöperate with the State of New York, (which has seemed to manifest a very commendable interest in the Indians,) if that coöperation is desired. But if boarding schools are introduced, we should hardly feel willing to do more than provide the personnel of the establishments. This is the arrangement substantially which we have made in other cases; though in some instances, a part of their support has been paid by our co-partners.

Permit me to request you, therefore, to hold a free conference with the Hon. Mr. Morgan on this whole subject. Please to ascertain from him what is the the policy of the State of New York in regard to the education of the Senecas & Tuscaroras; what he (acting for the State) is obliged to do now & hereafter.

Though personally unacquainted with Mr. Morgan, I have some knowledge of him through common friends; & I have no doubt he will give you all the information in his power; & at the same time be ready to do what he can for the elevation of the Indian race.

I remain

Very respectfully

Yours

S. B. Treat

Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Mis. Rooms Boston
Aug. 22. 1858.

Rev. Wm. Hall
New York Indians.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of July 24 took me somewhat by surprise, though I supposed the death of your sister was inevitable. I had not expected to hear of the event so soon, however; & when the announcement came, my sympathies were strongly drawn out toward you & yours. I earnestly pray that this heavy stroke may be sanctified to you all.

Some passages in your letter gave me much pain; I refer to those which imply that I am better than other Christians. Alas. It is my grief & my shame that I have so little of the spirit of my blessed Master. Some things he has taught me by his providence & his grace which, I think, I shall never forget; but as to being one whose attainments in piety should be spoken of, or thought highly of, I am sorry to say that I am not the man.

Strange as you will think it, my situation is unfavorable to piety, as compared with pastoral or missionary life. My time is taken up with a multitude of little things. I hurry through the day, with my thoughts of necessity running out in all directions; & when night comes I feel like a vessel that is completely emptied; & it is difficult for me to get my reflections concentrated again upon any one point. The pastoral work I have found a different sort of [illegible], & I have at times inexpressible longings to search deeply into the plan of salvation, & live in it, & to be a better disciple. But I [illegible] [illegible] change.

And yet even here I have aspirations after things of higher attainment. I do not despair of being nearer to Christ. At times I find an inexpressible [illegible] [illegible] beauty in his redemption work; & I could never weary just there, in learning [illegible] in Christ. Perhaps I shall know more of these things even in this life, but I remember that I have a very deceitful heart.

Your letter of Aug. 4 & 16 arrived today too late for the annual report, which I finished yesterday. But I thank you for it nevertheless, & shall use parts of it in the Herald. In reply to the questions raised, I would say

1. If you & other Missionaries can leave conveniently, & Providence in other respects favors, I think you had better come to the East at the present time. I cannot say precisely what the expense will be, because I do not know how many places you will visit. I should place the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] have consulted with Mr [illegible]. [illegible] have not time to confer with the Com. [illegible] & he will [illegible] for [illegible].

2. If you can see Mr. Morgan before visiting Boston, I think you had better take Albany in your way hither, & return by the N. Y. & Erie Rail Road. I should like to know what he says about schools, when we meet. I hope you will see Mrs. Stowe also, so that we may have all the information which is accessible.

You will do well I think to visit Mansfield also (if you go there at all) before coming to Boston. After the meeting of the Board, you can return to New York by Hartford or New Haven, make an excursion to Sing Sing; & from New York proceed directly to Allegheny Reservation. Perhaps if I knew what places you would visit, I could give more specific suggestions.

We shall expect you to come to our house at once. No 3 Boylston Place. The cab man will take your checks, get your baggage, & deliver you at my door.

Please to express to all your friends my Christian sympathy in this time of bereavement & sorrow, & believe me, as ever

Most affectionately

Yours

S. B. Treat

P.S. I send herewith a letter which if you wish you can show Mr Morgan. Perhaps it will assist you in the object which we have in view.

Mis. House Boston
Augt 22d 1851.

Rev. H. H. Spalding
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Feb. 24, informing me of the death of your wife, was received a short time since; I have been expecting the letters therein mentioned; but they have not arrived. I desire to tender you my cordial & affectionate sympathy in this severe bereavement. God has graciously preserved from an experimental knowledge of such a trial; but I can imagine the deep sorrows of your soul, & I can only point you to him who can not only save but console to the uttermost. May he give you all needed wisdom & grace.

You will remember that in my letter of Feb 5. I stated that the Board's claim for property destroyed in Oregon had been referred to the Superintendent of Indian Affairs, & that he was informed of this fact by letter dated in July 1850. I have not yet learned that any thing had been done in this case, nor even that he has received notice of his appointment. From the fact that I hear nothing on the subject, I fear that the whole business remains in statu quo. Will you have the goodness to inform me how the matter stands.

Yrs very truly, S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Aug. 22 1851

Messrs Walker & Eells,
Oregon.

Dear Brethren.

I am anxious to obtain your deliberate opinion upon the expediency of the Board's attempting any thing further in behalf of the Oregon Indians. We are at such a distance, that it is impossible to procure reliable information on this important question. I have nothing in my mind particularly, (except the makes of the Spokans,) & I write merely that we may not for any reason fail in our duty to the red race. Any facts or suggestions which you may communicate, will be gratefully received.

Our claim for property destroyed does not seem to make much progress; & I fear that the Superintendent did not receive his instructions. When I was in Washington last winter, I made inquiry in regard to the business, & found that a letter was sent to him in July 1850, committing the business to him. I informed Mr Spalding of this fact in Feb., but I donot know that any thing has been attempted in the premises. Will you inform me how the matter stands.

You both refer, in letters recently received, to the Waiilatpu property, & say that Mr. Holbrook was to write to Dr. Pomeroy on the subject. I have heard nothing on the subject, which he actually made, as you anticipated.

On the question of your return to Tshima-kain, I have nothing to add to what has already been written. I am hoping that Mr. Walker's visit to that part of the world will show that the field is again open, & that we are summoned to enter & possess the land once more. It will gratify the Com. & the Board to see you take your old posts as in past years, only with greater encouragement.

I remain, as ever,

Fraternally
Yrs
S. B. Treat
Sec. &c.

Miss. Rooms Boston
Aug^t - 22^d 1851.

Rev. Cushing Eells,
Oregon Territory.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of April 10 is before me; & for it I am much obliged. The Com^ee acquiesce in the result to which you & Mr Walker have come; at the same time they hope that the way will be opened soon for your return to the Spokane. The visit of Mr Walker to the Indians, in company with Dr Hart, may throw new light on this question.

There several points which I wish to bring to the notice of yourself & Mr W. jointly. These I will embrace in a letter addressed to both.

Kind regards to Mrs Eells.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Aug 22 1851

Rev. E. Walker
Oregon Ter.

Dear Brother

Your favor of April 21 was gladly received; though you could not then see the way clear for entering the Indian country, I trust that your contemplated visit has removed some of your doubts. I shall be much gratified by hearing from you after your return; & any information which you can give, will be thankfully received.

Your suggestion in regard to the appointment of missionaries in Oregon will be remembered, though it was unnecessary. We never make appointments in such cases without consulting the brethren on the ground.

A letter addressed to Mr Eells & yourself, you will see at the same time this reaches you.

Christian regards to Mrs Walker.

Very sincerely
yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Augt 26. 1851.

Miss Maria P. Arms
Springfield Vt.

Dear Miss Arms

I am happy to inform you that the Prud. Com. have this afternoon appointed you an assistant missionary of the A.B.C.F.M. This they have done with entire unanimity; & we earnestly hope & pray that the Lord will add his blessing! We have not acted upon the question of your designation. I should be glad to know your views on this subject, & whether you have any decided preferences; & we will act at a future time. I want very much to place a good teacher at Dwight. Whether you go to the Choctaws or Cherokees, you will naturally leave in October. Others will accompany you.

Kind regards to your father's family.

Affectionately
& truly
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. &c &c.

Miss. House Boston
Aug 26. 1851.

Rev. A. Gleason
Charlestown N. H.

Dear Brother

We have appointed Miss Avery this afternoon as an ass't missionary; but we have not designated her. I have just written to her on the subject. Would she not do for Lenox? That is perhaps the most responsible post, & requires the highest qualifications. Devoted piety & facility in leading souls to Christ are very important. Have you any one in your eye who will do better?

If you could learn about that Miss Darling without much trouble, I should be glad. Perhaps she is a jewel, & it would be well to have her. Possibly Miss Howe's health may not be firm enough. I have not heard from Bro. Wright.

Yrs truly
in great haste

S. B. Treat.

Boston, Miss. House,
Aug. 31, 1858.

Mr. H. K. Copeland
Wheelock, Choctaws

Dear Brother.

Your letter of July 31 is before me; & though you will have received a few words from me before this reaches you in relation to first topic which you present, I will say now that I think it a clear case that Mrs C. should have help, & I hope you will proceed accordingly. If free help can be obtained, that is to be preferred; but at any rate she should have assistance. And I sincerely hope that she may have her health fully restored, & may spend many years in the Choctaw mission.

And now a few words in regard to the corn-mill. I do not know how extensively you have conferred with the brethren of the mission, & with other practical men, but in such cases we always like to know how a new plan strikes others who are competent to judge of its merits from their position, experience, &c. And yet it may be desirable for you to act very soon. Hence I am authorized by the Com. to say that if, after conferring with men who have wisdom to communicate in such matters, you shall continue to think favorably of the scheme which you propose, you are at liberty to go forward & put it in execution. I must confess that the idea seems to be a good one; & it strikes Father Hill in the same way. If you come to the conclusion that you had better get the mill, you can order it, without writing to the Miss. House again.

You are aware that we are busy at this season, & hence will excuse me, tho brief. Affectionate regards to Mr C.

Very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

[illegible] of your designation to Oak Hill, Cherokee Nation. The papers which you sent me, & which I received two days ago, were entirely satisfactory to the Prud. Com. & I trust that the measure has the approbation of our blessed Master. May he add his blessing, without which all our labors are in vain!

As to the time of your departure, I can say nothing definitely at present. I confidently expect that two other ladies will go out to the Cherokees this fall; & I hope a minister & his wife, but of this I am not so sure. Several laborers will join the Choctaw mission. And yet I know not precisely when any will go. I presume none will leave before October, & perhaps some will depart as late as November.

I do not know when you will wish to give up your school. As soon as I have any precise information as to the time of your going, I will communicate it, writing to you at Fall River, till I hear to the contrary.

Affectionately yours &c
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Aug. 30. 1851

Miss Lois W. Hall,
Fall River, Mass.

Dear Miss Hall.

It is with much pleasure that I inform you of your appointment as an assistant missionary of the A.B.C.F.M., & of your designation to Park Hill, Cherokee Mission. The papers which you sent me, & which I received two days ago, were entirely satisfactory to the Prud. Comee. I verily believe that this measure has the approbation of our blessed Master. May he add his blessing, without which all our labors are in vain!

As to the time of your departure, I can say nothing definitely at present. I confidently expect that two other ladies will go out to the Cherokees this fall; & I hope a minister & his wife, but of this I am not so sure. Several laborers will join the Choctaw mission. And yet I know not precisely when any will go. I presume none will leave before October, & perhaps some will depart as late as November.

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Affectionately Yours &c.

S. B. Treat

Boston Miss. House
Sept. 1. 1851

Hon. Luke Lea,
Com.r of Indian Affairs

Sir.

I had the honor to submit certain considerations to you last winter, going to show that the La Pointe Indians would be in a better position in their present home, than they can be expected to be west of the Mississippi; & it was the hope & wish of the body in whose behalf I act, that the President would except this band from the proposed removal. Though I have not received any communication from the Indian Department, as I expected, I learn through the missionaries that measures are in progress for transferring them to a new locality. May I be permitted to lay before you some extracts from letters which I have lately received, & ask if it is not possible that this portion of the Ojibwas can be allowed to remain where they are? For your convenience I will send a proof sheet, which contains all that I submit for your consideration. See pages 330-2.

Very Respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. of the A. B. C. F. M.

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 1. 1851

Rev. Dr. Cannon
Geneva N. Y.

Dear Brother

Last June I made a visit to the New York Indians, & after conferring with the brethren at the different stations, it was arranged that Messrs Bliss & Rockwood should leave, & that some one else should take their places respectively. I have looked about since that time for good men & true to occupy these posts; but as yet I have found no one for the Tuscaroras. Rev. Anson Gleason will go to Cattaraugus this fall, & I hope the Lord will bless his labors.

Now can you find the right man for the station which Bro. Rockwood now fills? You know what his qualifications should be, as well as I do. It will not be expected of him that he learn the language so as to preach in it; but if he & his wife also could converse in it, there would be a manifest advantage in his doing so. He should be devoted to his work, ready to visit the Indians, in short anxious to do them good in all ways. Let me hear from you

Respectfully & truly yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Sept 2 1857

Mr L. W. Chaney
Andover

Dear Brother

I write in great haste just to express my regret that I cannot be at Andover today & tomorrow. I wish to hear you & the other missionary brethren on this interesting occasion; but necessary preparation for the meeting of the Board will keep me at the Miss. House.

I have not heard whether you have come to any decision in the matter which we have discussed. Last Saturday I sent you a Herald proof sheet, thinking that you would be glad of all the information accessible. May the Lord give you wisdom to come to a just conclusion!

Shall I see you in Portland next week? If you are not there, I shall be pleased to see you in Boston, & also hear from you at any time.

Affect. yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. Rooms Boston
Sept. 5. 1857

Mr. R. L. Dodge
Little Rock. Ark

Dear Sir.

Allow me to introduce to your acquaintance the Rev. Geo. Pierson, who goes out to the Choctaws to labor as a missionary in that field. I have had such experience of your kindness in past years, that I need not bespeak for this young brother any friendly offices that may be in your power. Should he need any funds, his drafts will be cheerfully honored for such a purpose.

Affectionate regards to Mrs Dodge.

Very respectfully
Truly
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House. Boston
Sept 6. 1858

Rev C. Kingsbury,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Brother.

In my letter to you of May 29, 1857, I requested you to lay before the Choctaw mission a copy of my letter to the Cherokee mission, dated Jan. 8. 1849, on the subject of slavery, for the purpose of showing you & your fellowlaborers the view which we take of the communication of the Cherokee brethren. Until this morning I supposed I had sent you a copy of their reply to the letter of Jan. 8. but on referring to my letter book, I find that I was mistaken. It is proper that you have this communication from the Cherokee brethren also; & I wish you to lay it before the Choctaw mission at their first meeting. I do not ask for any action at present.

In great haste
fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Sept. 17. 1858

Miss Harriet McCormic
Grafton, Vt.

Dear Miss M.

Your letter of Augt. 22, & the testimonials of Mr. Bradford & others were duly received; but as they were less full than is usual in such cases, I waited a few days in the expectation of receiving further information. Just before the meeting of the Board, Mr Patton called, & supplied the deficiency by his verbal statements. At Portland, moreover, I saw Mr. Gleason & had a conversation with him on the subject. The result is, that the Comee are satisfied in regard to your qualifications; & yesterday you were duly appointed an assistant missionary of the Board. Your designation is not yet determined, but it is probable that the Choctaw mission & the Mt Pleasant Station will be your place of labor. I believe it is your wish to be in the same mission with Miss Arms; & this will probably be the arrangement of the Prud. Com. But I expect to write you soon on this subject.

I saw Mr Byington last week; & he thinks it will not be well to set out for the Indian country before November, perhaps the latter part of the month. More of this hereafter.

Yours &c S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston

Sept. 17. 1851.

Mr. Robt. Patterson

Philada.

Dear Sir.

We have had a consultation on the subject of your letter of the 8 inst., & the result is, that we think it would be inexpedient to send out a Missionary with so large a family. Our opinion is, that you would have occasion, probably, to repent the step, if you were to go.

Our experience, in cases like this, has not been favorable. If your children had been born in a heathen land, one after another, the case would be different. But to go out with a large family to care for, & yourself ignorant of the language & customs of the country, you will see at a glance that your situation would be a very trying one — & you would labor under great disadvantages. We think you would accomplish more for the cause of Christ by remaining in this country. Here also you may do much for the cause of Foreign Missions. With sincere desires for your welfare & usefulness in the kingdom of our Lord —

Your friend & brother

S. L. Pomroy

Sec. Am. Bd.

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 20. 1851

Rev. Mr. Pettingell
Centre Brook, Ct.

Dear Brother

The bearer, Rev. C. Byington is well known to you as an excellent brother among the Choctaws. He wishes to confer with Mr Ball in regard to his joining the Choctaw mission; & he may need some aid from you. Any favor you shall do him, will be well bestowed & thankfully acknowledged.

Very cordially
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 20. 1858

Mr Robt B. Hall
Center Brook Ct.

Dear Sir

The bearer, Rev. C. Byington, will see you in relation to joining the Choctaw mission. He will answer all your questions, & give such information as may be needful for you in the circumstances of the case. May the Lord guide you to a righteous decision!

Yours in great haste

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

[illegible] my sincere sympathy, & I earnestly pray that the [illegible] may result in consolations & blessings which none [illegible] anticipated.

I fear that Mrs. Hall [illegible] to write bitter things against [illegible] accident has happened to you, & say that it is the frown of Heaven upon her for coming to New-England. But I do not think that this is a fair inference. Persons who are always in the path of duty, are overtaken with sickness & misadventures of various kinds; & I do not know of any warrant for supposing that such dear ones are to be exempt from the ills that flesh is heir to. If Mrs Hall will take my advice, she will lie down, quietly & sweetly, in the arms of the Saviour, & with patience

Mis. House Boston
Sept 22. 1855

Rev. Wm Hall,
Fremont, Mass.

Dear Brother.

Your sister Margaret surprised me very much by announcing the accident which had befallen your wife. I had remarked to Mr. Treat, a few hours before, that I feared some of you might be sick; but I did not apprehend any thing serious. Please to accept for yourself & Mrs. Hall, my sincere sympathy; & I earnestly pray that the trial may result in consolations & blessings which neither of you has anticipated.

I fear that Mrs. Hall will be inclined to write bitter things against herself, because this accident has happened to her, & say that it is the frown of heaven upon her for coming to New-England. But I do not think that this is a fair inference. Persons who are clearly in the path of duty, are overtaken with sickness & misadventures of various kinds; & I do not know of any warrant for supposing that such have reason to be exempt from the ills that flesh is heir to. If Mrs Hall will take my advice, she will lie down, sweetly & serenely, in the arms of the Saviour, & with patience meet the office of the [illegible]. She is in good hands; & even though she may have erred in this thing, she has only done what we are all very prone to do, & what we often actually do. Blessed be his name! He does not cast us off for our errors or our sins; but he is a merciful & faithful High Priest.

I have not time to write at length, for I am very busy. After seeing Margaretta, who went on her way Thursday evening, I thought I must say a few words the first moment of leisure I should have. Hence this hasty note. I shall hope to hear from you soon, & also see you on your return [illegible] of these would [illegible] said much, [illegible]

[illegible] love & [illegible] to Mrs. H.

Affectionately
Yours
Mrs S. B. Treat

[illegible]

for the cares of the Board, & with patience

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 23. 1851

Miss Mary Howe
Hinsdale, N.H.

Dear Miss H.

Your letter was received about one month ago; & immediately I wrote to Mr. Wright to make enquiries respecting your health, &c. Since the receipt of his reply, I have not had leisure to address you till now.

Mr. Wright speaks very kindly of you in his communication; but his opinion in regard to your health is such, that we should not feel justified in sending you to the Indian country. We want able-bodied laborers; for the work to be done & the climate are often found to be exceedingly trying. It would not be kindness to you to send you where your constitution would be so severely taxed.

Affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. Home, Boston
Sept. 23. 1851.

Miss Laura Graham
Savona, Steuben Co. N.Y.

Dear Miss G.

About a week ago I received a letter addressed by Mr H. K. Copeland to yourself, & also certain testimonials enclosed therewith. I have been so busy since that time that I have not been able to acknowledge their receipt, much less make some suggestions which seem to be called for.

I send herewith our "manual for Miss. Candidates," which will give you information on several points that present themselves doubtless to your consideration. You will perceive that the papers that you have sent us are not such as we usually receive in all respects. They are good, so far as they go, but they leave certain matters untouched.

1. We shall need a letter from yourself, giving a sketch of your religious history, the foundation of your hope in the Saviour, as also your motives & views in entering the great missionary field. Have you fully & prayerfully given yourself to this service? We shall be glad to have you explain your relations to our Baptist brethren. Are you a member of a Baptist Church; or are your preferences for that denomination? If so, perhaps you would labor more pleasantly under their missionary society.

2. How much experience have you had in teaching, & what branches can you teach? Have you had any difficulty in directing a school, &c? Where did you receive your education?

I do not propose these inquiries, to raise a doubt as to your qualifications; but we feel constrained to use some degree of caution in sending entire strangers into our missions. We merely wish to have reasonable evidence that they will labor pleasantly & usefully in the contemplated field. I hope & pray that you may be found to be just the person for Wheelock.

I will only add, that you will find in Mr & Mrs Copeland two kind & most excellent laborers in the gospel. They will give you a home, in the best sense of the word. Miss Dickinson had for them the affection of a daughter.

Hoping to hear from you very soon, I subscribe myself,

Yours in the fellowship
of the
gospel
S. B. Treat.
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
Sept. 23. 1851.

Rev. R. Emerson D.D.
Andover, Mass.

Dear Sir.

Rev. Jonathan Grout has been proposed to me as a teacher for the Choctaw mission. I understand that he is a licentiate of Andover, now of Coolville, Athens Co. Ohio; & has been mainly engaged in teaching since he left the seminary. What I wish to know is, whether he is such a man as we want?

We propose to send a married teacher into a new field, where he must break ground. We wish to obtain a man, therefore, who is not afraid of loneliness & plain living & some manual labor; who can teach a good school; make his meetings, on the Sabbath & other days, interesting; & can also acquire the Choctaw, so that he can preach in it. In a word, we want him to grow into a good, devoted self-denying, Choctaw-speaking missionary. Is Mr. Grout the man?

If you can give me the desired information, I shall be much obliged to you.

Respectfully &
truly yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Sept. 24. 1851

Hon. Luke Lea
Com.r of Indian
Affairs. —

Dear Sir

Your favor of Sept. 5 was duly received, & read with much pleasure. I sincerely hope that the President may find it feasible to allow the La Pointe Ojibwas to remain in their present location. Fearing that the proof-sheet which I sent to you, may have miscarried, I now send the October No. of the Miss. Herald, & take the liberty to call your attention to pp. 330-2 of the same.

You will pardon me for adding, that the reasons which I had the honor of submitting to you in writing last January, seem to me as mighty as ever. May I express the hope that they will be taken into consideration, whenever the question shall come up for a final adjustment.

Very respectfully
your obed.t servant
S. B. Treat,
Sec. of the A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
Sept 24. 1851

Rev. S. Hall
Ojibwas, &c.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of the 27th ult. reached me at the same moment with a letter from Hon. L. Lea, announcing the suspension of the effort to remove the Indians, until the final determination of the President, as to whether they (the Ojibwas) should be permitted to remain, or their removal resumed." This was in reply to the communication which I had sent him, after reading the letters which you & Mr. Wheeler sent me, though my letter was not the cause of this suspension, at least as expressed in one of Sept. 10, for the order to suspend issued the day before. What will take place next, of course we cannot predict; though I have some hope that the La Pointe Indians will be allowed to stay where they are. If the United States Govt. will agree to this plan, I presume you would be in favor of it.

You speak of going this fall to see the country "where it is proposed to locate the Indians," if your associates shall think favorably of your doing so. I see not that this "suspension" should prevent your going. Should you make the tour, you would doubtless gain much valuable information, & be the better able to plan & advise hereafter. It will be desirable to know more about the manual labor school, which it is proposed to commence near the agency, what terms will be offered to us, &c. But I throw out the suggestion, without any strong & decided opinion in the case. I trust you will be guided to a wise result.

We had a good meeting at Portland; tho' it was not just what we hoped it would be. The public are satisfied, however. The Board seems to have a stronger hold than ever on the churches. May the Spirit be poured out from on high!

The Oct. Herald, you will see, has given a no. of its pages to the Indians. The article cost me a good deal labor; but I thought it was called for. If the Lord will add his blessing, it will be well.

Please to present my affectionate regards to Mrs. Hall, with your associates.

Fraternally & cordially
Very truly
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Sept 20. 1858

John Tawse Esq,
Edinboro, Scotland.

Dear Sir

Your esteemed favor of the 4th instant is before me; & I avail myself of the first moment of leisure, since its receipt, to reply to your inquiries.

You are aware that Mr Wright was formerly stationed near Buffalo; the Rev. Mr. Bliss being then the sole missionary on the Cattaraugus Reservation. When the Senecas sold the Buffalo Reservation, a large part of them removed to Cattaraugus, & joined their brethren previously there; Mr Wright followed, & established himself at what we have called the "Upper Station", Mr Bliss being at the "Lower Station." The distance between them was only two miles; & the church members were so intermixed that they might have all been accommodated in one place of worship, & might have been all been cared for by one minister. But the Com. have hoped that the pagan Indians would receive the gospel, & thus give ample scope for two missionaries, if not more. Hence the plan of two churches has continued till the present time.

Several circumstances have inclined the Com.

to make a change. 1. In consequence of the recent political troubles among the Senecas, of which you have been apprised, Messrs Wright & Bliss have become somewhat unpopular with a portion of the Christian party; though they have not done any thing which *we* think censurable. And it has seemed best, therefore, that *both* should give up the charge of the Churches, & we send another missionary who shall take charge of the two united in one.

2. It so happens, at this time, that there is a special call for Mr Wright's labors in the department of translation, which I need not explain at length. He is the man, of all others for that work.

3. That he is not to confine himself to this kind of labor. On the other hand, he is to keep the charge of the schools at his end of the Reservation, especially among the pagans; & *generally* he is to do whatever he can to bring *the pagan party under the* influence of the *gospel*. This we consider a very important field of effort; & we hope that pleasing results will follow the change in our arrangements. Mr. Wright is popular with the pagans; & they even sent me a petition, urging his continued residence on the Reservation.

I may say, in a word, that we consider ourselves as having added to the efficiency & aggressiveness of this branch of the New York Indian mission very materially. The Rev. Anson

Gleason will take the charge of the whole Cherokee in a few days: we hope to be able to present a different report of the state of things in the Christian party at an early day. Mr G. is a devoted & warmhearted man, who has had some acquaintance with Indian character; we think ourselves fortunate in securing the services of such a laborer in this field.

And I may even say, that I think more effective missionary labor will be performed than heretofore, leaving the translation labors entirely out of the account. Perhaps this statement will relieve the minds of the Society; but if it does not, we shall be happy to do any thing in our power to meet their wishes.

Very respectfully
& sincerely
Yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
Sept 26. 1844

Rev. Asher Wright,
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother

I write in great haste to inquire about the Rev. Mr. Sandford, of Aurora N. Y. a member of the Buffalo Presbytery. Miss Margaret Hall mentioned him as a suitable person, probably, for an Indian station. I suppose you know him. What do you think of him for the Tuscaroras, or Cherokees? And what do you think of his wife for such work? Has she good health?

Another question. Would they be willing to join either mission? Have they much of the self-denying spirit? An early answer will much oblige me.

Mrs. Gleason expects to get away in about two weeks. We had a good meeting at Portland, though it was not just what we desired. You have heard of Mr Hall's accident, I suppose. Margaret has returned alone. Mr. & Mrs. Hall may stay at Vermont a short time longer.

Christian salutations to Mrs Wright.

Affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 1. 1857

Rev. A. Gleason
Charlestown N.H.

Dear Brother

Your letter of yesterday I have just received. I think it will be well for you to take Boston, either to or from Whitinsville. Whether it shall be the one or the other I will leave to you. I expect to be at home both Saturday & Monday.

Yours in
great haste,

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 2 1851

Rev. C. W. Root.
Williamsburgh. NY

Dear Sir.

Your favor of Sept. 22 was duly received; at our last Com.ee meeting I laid the case therein presented before the directing body of our Board for their opinion & action. They felt some embarrassment, as I anticipated, in coming to a result. They have every disposition to relieve your sister in her trying circumstances; but they have had a little hesitation as to their right to do what their benevolent feelings prompt.

In looking back through our letter books, I find that Mary Ann was never appointed an assistant missionary of the Board. She went out "experimentally"; in the expectation, I infer, of having a salary, or what was equivalent, for her services. Hence she cannot be considered as standing upon the ordinary footing of regularly appointed laborers.

And yet, in view of all the circumstances, they have concluded to make another grant of $50, & I enclose a check for that amount.

Please to convey to your sister my warm fraternal sympathy in her trials; & I pray God to cause all things to work together for her good.

Sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 2. 1851

Rev. A. Bliss.
Cattaraugus Res.

Dear Brother

I received a letter from Bro. Wright two days ago in relation to your matters; he having asked advice of the Com^{ee}. It seems to be better that I should address you directly on the subject. It was my wish that the Prudential should give an opinion as to what you should receive, on the occasion of your leaving the service of the Board. But owing to the detention of Bro. Stall, the Com^{ee} think I had better write to you to send them a statement of the case, & they will at once come to a decision in the premises. If you will furnish the materials for a proper apprehension of the question, therefore, I will see that it is issued at once.

It may be proper for me to make some inquiries, & offer some suggestions, however, in regard to the proposed allowance. I infer from Bro. Wright's letter that you wish three items to be taken into consideration. 1 the improvements, 2 the education of your children, (or rather what has not been asked & received therefor,) & 3 the necessary expense of getting to a new field.

For convenience I will reverse the order. As to the last item, I presume we shall be perfectly agreed. Whatever you need to remove your family to Pennsylvania, I have no doubt the Com. will allow. Dismissed ministers are generally turned off with nothing; but missionaries are allowed something extra in such circumstances.

2. Mr Wright says you regard your children as having a claim to something more for education, as compared with other children of missionaries. Perhaps you overrate what we do for missionaries' children. Much that is done for them in this country, is obtained from friends, & not from us. We enable the parents to give a common, respectable education to their offspring, & nothing more. We cannot send them to college &c. And I have supposed that your children were about on a par with the great bulk of missionaries' children in the matter of education. If you had remained longer in connection with us, you would have required further aid from year to year; but our rule [illegible] is, that when the parents leave, the claim of the children ceases.

Perhaps I have not understood the facts in your case, & I shall be most happy to be set right. I have stated some of our principles; perhaps others should be applied to your children.

3. The improvements. Mr Wright says, you value at $400; & you think this sum ought to be allowed. I was not prepared for such an item; but I am anxious to get at the facts, that we may take them into consideration. (1) What are these improvements? I hope you will be specific, stating what they cost &c. (2) How were they paid for. With your private funds? From your salary?

from funds of the Board? or from all of these? What is the present value of the improvements? That is, supposing we were to sell out our interest in the place which you occupy, how much more would it bring in cash, because of these improvements? And, again, can any part of the land which you use, be dispensed with by Mr Gleason? And, if so, can the improvements & all our interest be sold? & for how much?

Your answers to these inquiries will aid us, I think, in coming to a satisfactory result. We have but one wish, & that is, to do right. But we feel that [illegible] any money is quite sacred & ought to be paid away only for good reasons. It is the Lord's money. Our desire is to know where & how we shall expend it. If we can pay it as he pleases, it is all that we ask.

I have too much confidence in your love for truth & missions to believe that you would take a cent too much. But if you are like me, you will distrust your judgment a little where interest is so directly concerned. I would always prefer that others should decide such cases for me.

To conclude, will you state (1) what it will cost to ~~settle~~ your family in Pennsylvania (2) what you think you ought to receive for your children, & the reasons therefor & (3) what for the improvements.

Christian regards to Mrs Olds & the children

Fraternally

Yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 2 1858

Rev A. Wright,
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Sept 24 was rec^d last Tuesday. On the same day I laid the subject therein discussed before the Com. They thought I had better write to Rev. Bliss, & get the facts & his views in regard to the proposed allowance; then they will at once pass upon the case, without waiting for the action of the mission. I have just written to Bro. Bliss; & I presume you will see the contents of the letter.

Now in such circumstances we want all the light we can get. I should like your opinion as to what should be allowed our good brother. Probably the sum will be published in the annual report; & it should be such an one as we are willing to give there, & willing also to defend. (I forgot to mention this fact to Bro Bliss. Can you suggest it to him?) Will you give me your views on the several items which he wishes considered, & let us know what should be granted. We are anxious to do right, but we must give an account of our payments in such cases. There are sharp eyes upon us.

In great haste
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 7. 1858

Rev. A. Gleason
Charlestown, N.H.

Dear Brother

The Prud. Com. have just appointed Miss Swain an assistant missionary of the Board, & designated her to Wright. Miss Arms is designated to Good Land, & Miss McCormick to Mt Pleasant.

Mr Bartlett of Marietta, says he has a lady who will go out; perhaps she will complete the list. Mr. Ball backs out. Alas for the laymen. Give me the women, after all.

Affectionate regards to Mrs G. & your daughters. May the Lord go with you & bless you!

Fraternally
Yours

S. B. Treat.

Rev. C. B. Andrews has concluded to go out to the Sand. Islands!

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 7. 1851

Rev. J. Bartlett,
Marietta, Ohio.

Dear Brother.

Yours of Oct. 2. I have just received. I regret that Mr. Grant is not the man for the new station. We, want a man also to go out as steward with Mr. Byington, to take the place of Mr. Wood at Stockbridge. He should have a good wife, & be himself a man of good business habits, kind, pleasant in his intercourse with others. It is desirable, moreover, that he should be able to conduct meetings, & affect the mission in that way. If he has "tact" in doing all sorts of things, so much the better. The husband & wife should have good health.

I earnestly desire that a teacher & a steward (with their wives) may be found for the Choctaw mission. Is it not possible to secure them in your field? Mr Gleason has been busy in pursuit of the proper persons, but he has failed to get them. Others have tried; & I have my fears as to the result. Laymen are hard to enlist in the missionary work.

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A word in regard to Miss Stone. I have obtained no teacher for Lee's Creek, one of the Cherokee stations, & though I may receive an offer, several letters being out, I am willing to keep the place open for her. If she wishes to go to the place, & has the proper qualifications. I will see that she is sent there.

Mr & Mrs Ranney are at Lee's Creek, both excellent people. & Mrs R. is a very kind & pleasant lady, with whom another of the right temper would have no difficulty. The station is comparatively new, & the school consequently new. But a lady who has been there, informs me that it is a pleasant field of labor, & one that should satisfy any one desiring to do good.

If Miss Stone wishes to go out to the Cherokee mission, & you think her fitted for such a place, you may send me her papers as soon as you please. Let her write herself, giving a sketch of her life, religious history, & motives in becoming a missionary. Let her pastor & others speak of her character, qualifications, &c. Evidence of church membership will be needed. I presume you have our Manual, which will show what we want.

Is Mr Worth going to the Choctaws, in Nov.? And is Miss Fay to accompany him? I fear they will not find much water in the Arkansas. Had they not better wait till that river rises? Mr Byington is to ascertain the rise by telegraph, & inform me. Perhaps he will stay later.

I want a good missionary & his wife for Fairfield, Cherokees. The wife should be healthy & smart. Can you find one?

Truly yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston,
Oct. 8. 1851.

Miss Maria P. Arms
Springfield, Vt.

Dear Miss Arms.

I have delayed writing to you for some time, in the hope of speaking with certainty in relation to some matters in which you will naturally feel a special interest. The question of designation is at length settled. The Com. yesterday appointed Goodland, among the Choctaws, to your field of labor; & Miss McCormic is appointed to go to Mr Reading.

I think you may congratulate yourself on being sent to so pleasant a station as Goodland. Mrs Stark, I confidently expect, you will greatly love. She combines the lady with the other qualifications of a missionary's wife beyond most of our female laborers. And I think you will be pleased with Mr Stark. At Goodland, moreover, you will find my friend William Fields, dark-faced, but large-hearted, a man whom I hold in high honor.

There are several points on which you may wish information, though I do not know how much Mr Gleason may have said to you.

1. Terms, compensation, &c. In the boarding schools among the Choctaws, as they are liberally supported by the government of the nation, the teachers receive

$100 a year, but they are not placed upon our *missionary foundation*. If they return at the end of one or more years they pay their own expenses; & in case of sickness they have no claim on the Board. In fact, after they reach the Choctaw country, we are relieved from all *pecuniary* liability in regard to them.

You will go out on the *missionary foundation*. Hence (1) if you ask it, you will receive a reasonable outfit, (2) your expenses to Good Land, (3) your support there, (4) if you shall at any time return, your expenses back to your home & (5) if for any reason you shall need assistance, you will be entitled to it. In a word, you go out, just as our missionaries go to India, China &c. The Choctaw boarding schools are the only exception to our rules in this particular. This plan, I presume, will be altogether in accordance with your feelings. If you need any aid in the matter of outfit, please to inform me.

2. *Time* of *going*. I have hoped you would leave New England about Nov. 1. But I have had a recent conversation with Mr. Byington, & he thinks that the Arkansas will not rise probably till Dec. 1; & it is a very serious matter to reach the Choctaws when that river is too low. You had better wait till the proper time arrives. I shall keep you informed on this head, as well as I can.

If you have any questions which you wish me to answer, I hope you will write with all freedom. Christian regards to your parents.

Affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 8, 1851.

Miss Harriet McCormic,
Grafton, Vt.

Dear Miss McCormic,

I have delayed writing you for some time, in the hope of speaking with certainty in relation to some matters in which you will naturally feel a special interest. The question of designation is at length settled. The Committee yesterday appointed Mt. Pleasant, among the Choctaws, as your field of labor; & Miss Arms is expected to go to Goodland.

I think you will be pleased with Mr. Copeland's family & with the station. He is a kind & agreeable man, & though I have not seen much of his wife, I presume you will find her a companion & friend whom you will highly esteem.

There are several points on which you may need information, though I dont know how much Mr. Gleason may have said to you.

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Affectionately yours,

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Oct 9. 1855

Mrs. Mary C. W. Eddy.
Fall River, Mass.

Dear Madam.

I learn from Miss Laura Graham that she was for four years in connection with Mt. Holyoke Seminary. She has been written to by Mr. H. K. Copeland, of the Choctaw mission, to become a teacher in one of the boarding schools under the care of that mission. Will you have the goodness to give me your opinion of her qualifications for such a post, & in general her adaptation to missionary life? By so doing you will much oblige

Yours
with much esteem
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 9, 1851.

Miss Jerusha E. Swain

Dear Miss Swain,

It gave me great pleasure to receive your letter, with the accompanying testimonials. I bless God that he has put it into your heart to engage in this service; & I hope & trust you will be both happy & useful therein. The Prudential Committee day before yesterday acted on your case; & you have been most cordially appointed an assistant missionary of the Board, & designated to Dwight among the Cherokees. You will find that, I have no doubt, an important post; & you will also form many desirable acquaintances in the nation. Miss Giddings, who preceded you, has been happy in her work, & left it only to enter into the married state.

There are several points on which you may wish information, though I dont know how much Mr. Gleason may have said to you.

1. Terms. Compensation, &c. In the boarding schools among the ~~Cherokees~~ Choctaws, as they are liberally supported by the government of the nation, the teachers receive $100 a year. but they are not placed upon our missionary foundation. If they return at the end of one or more years. they pay their own expenses; & in case of sickness they have no claim on the Board. In fact, after they reach the ~~Cherokee~~ Choctaw country, we are relieved

from all pecuniary liability in regard to them.

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Affectionately yours.

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston.
Oct 9. 1851.

To Miss Chapin,
one of the Principals of
Mt Holyoke Sem.

Dear Miss C.

Miss Susan Graham, I understand, was connected with your institution some four years. She is a candidate for missionary employment in one of the Choctaw boarding schools. May I ask the favor of your opinion in regard to her qualifications as a teacher, & also her adaptation to missionary service generally?

Very sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat.

[illegible] Four young ladies have been appointed already for Choctaw [illegible] missionary, in the Cherokee country. But I received a letter from Rev. F. Bartlett, our agent in Ohio, [illegible] young lady in Marietta who wished to go out in the service [illegible]. I wrote last Friday, Oct 7, that she might go to Lee's Creek, if her testimonials should be ample, & should feel bound to allow her to go, if she wishes to do so. I saw Mr Gleason last Saturday, & we concluded that we should not hear from you. Hence I wrote as I did to Mr Bartlett.

It is possible she may not go to Lee's Creek. It is also possible there may be a position in some other quarter. And I think it very likely we should be glad to send you among the Senecas, in Western New York, if you should like that field. I will write soon again.

Truly yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 9. 1851

Miss C. M. Bigelow
Winchendon. Ms

Dear Miss B.

I have received a note from Mr. Gleason, informing me of what has been recently done, intending to remove the obstacles to your engaging in the missionary work. I am very sorry that I did not know of this movement sooner; as I am not sure that there will be any vacancy in the Choctaw or Cherokee missions. Three young ladies have been appointed already; & Lees' Creek only remains, in the Cherokee country. But I received a letter from Rev. Mr. Bartlett, our agent in Ohio, in which he said some young lady in Marietta also wished to go out in this service, &c. I wrote last Tuesday, Oct 7 that she might go to Lees' Creek, if her testimonials should be ample, & I shall feel bound to allow her to go, if she wishes to do so. I saw Mr Gleason last Saturday; & we concluded that we should not hear from you. Hence I wrote as I did to Mr Bartlett.

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Truly yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston,
Oct. 14. 1851.

Rev. John Dudley,
Danville, Vt.

Dear Brother.

For your favor of Oct. 10 I am much obliged. I am constrained to say, however, that we do not seem to be in want of female teachers just now. We need 3 for the Cherokees & 3 for the Choctaws. Four have already been appointed, & there are 3 candidates for the other two places. It is possible that there may be a failure in one or more cases; & if we should want any more candidates, I shall be very happy to look to your cooperation.

With many thanks for your kind interest in our affairs, I subscribe myself
Fraternally
& very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. &c &c

Miss. House, Boston
Oct. 16. 1851

Miss Laura Graham,
Skaneateles, New York.

Dear Miss G.

On receiving yours of the 6th instant, I wrote immediately to Mrs Eddy & Miss Chapin, making inquiries as to your qualifications for the place of teacher at Wheelock, intending to write to you, should their answers be favorable, as I expected they would be, that you would receive the appointment. Hitherto, however, I have obtained no reply. This is owing, I presume, to the fact that they have not seen my letter by reason of absence; or for some reason they cannot answer it. I write now to explain the delay, & to say that I am disposed to have you go to Wheelock, if the testimonials are favorable, & you can be released from your Arkansas engagement. If you still wish to go, I think you had better send your letter of dismission from the So. Hadley Church, (& I will return it,) & such other testimonials as you please. I trust I shall hear from Mrs Eddy & Miss Chapin very soon.

The ladies who go to the Choctaws, will not leave till late in Nov. I presume, perhaps not till Dec.

Very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 16 1851

Rev. C. Byington
New York.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Sept 26, Sept 27 Oct 2 & Oct 6. have all been received; & though unanswered, I have kept them constantly in mind.

1. The Slavery letter. I do not think it worth while for us to go into this subject by correspondence. It would be very tedious; & probably we should find it difficult to put the question in the right place by such a process. I think you had better come to Boston before your return, & talk with Dr. Anderson & Dr Pomeroy. Perhaps you will find them less "tenacious". Any thing, that they will regard as a satisfactory adjustment, I have no doubt will satisfy me. I have received a letter from Mr Nye, which I have not had time to answer. I think he has some wrong impressions about the subject.

2. The Steward & teacher. I have no one on the list for either place. All have "slipped off the handle", for one reason or another. But I do not give up. I have written to Mr Bartlett, & I have requested Mr Gleason to keep his eyes open. Others will look about. Besides. I have put in the Herald & Journal, "Miss. Laborers wanted." I hope we shall

start some body yet. Females are abundant; but alas for the men!

How comes on the printing? Can you tell me what the printing which we pay, for will cost, that we may place the sum in our allowances? If, however, the bills are all paid in 1851, it is not of much consequence.

Can you not do something to get a steward & teacher? I hope you will have some time for going about, if necessary.

I should have written to you before this, if I had not been greatly hurried. The Annual Report, & Herald, with other things have given me full work.

As ever

Fraternally yrs

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 18. 1858.

Miss M. J. F. Thayer
Tuscarora, &c

Dear Miss Thayer.

On looking at my letter-book, I find that I have not written to you since I was at your station. The reason has been, the pressure of my engagements. Now that the annual meeting has passed, & the report is through the press, I feel a little less straitened. Still I have enough to do, & always shall have, I hope & trust.

Your letters of Augt 21 & Augt 25 were duly received. To the latter I need not make any reply, except to say that Miss Howe's health does not yet seem equal to the labors of a missionary. We have no difficulty in finding teachers of your sex; tho' it requires some effort to look them up. Male teachers are not so easily found.

To the several topics presented in your letter of Augt 21. I will briefly reply.

1. The donations which you mentioned, have been duly acknowledged, as you will have seen.

2. The mode in which the $200 for Tuscarora schools is to be expended, I have not yet learned & I am very anxious that it should be wisely appropriated. If the Indians could be induced to add to this sum, & make it larger, it might be well.

3. You speak of having Miss Corey as an assistant for one year. How she is to be paid, you do not inform me. I should like to know your plan in this respect; also how your school succeeds at the present time.

4. It gives me much pleasure to hear that any of the Indians are willing to seek the way of salvation. May the Lord pour out his Spirit upon the whole tribe!

At the meeting of the Board I had some conversation with Dr. Cannon in regard to your operations, &c. He feels a deep interest in all that pertains to you. And he said, among other things, that he thought you might be greatly benefited in health by availing yourself of the skill of Dr Thomas Hamilton, 217 Exchange St. Rochester. His daughter has been under the care of this gentleman, & has received much good from his prescriptions. I think the matter is worth your serious attention; & I hope you will make inquiries, &c. Dr. Cannon can give you information; & so can others doubtless.

We have no missionary for Tuscarora yet, which I regret. But I do not give it up, as you will see, when you receive the Nov. Herald. Mr. Wraith's name I have mentioned to Dr. Cannon; who says that he has scruples about contributing to the treasury of the Board, on account of our supposed connection with slavery. Much more, I suppose, would he hesitate to become one of its missionaries.

Mrs Treat is not in very good health; but I am remarkably well; for which I desire to be humbly thankful. How unworthy am I to receive such a blessing as restored health! Kind regards to your fellowlaborers

Affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 16. 1858

Rev. M. N. Adams
Lac-qui-parle.

Dear Brother

Your letters of Aug 22 & Oct 3. have both been received. The first I should have answered earlier, had I not been pressed by the labors of our annual meeting.

I am happy to learn that Mrs Adams has recovered her health so far as to be able to return to your former station. May the blessing of the Great Missionary be with you there! This trial, may be the means of rich & precious communications of God's grace to both of you, & by necessary consequence to the people among whom you labor. Strive earnestly, dear brother, that you fail not of securing this benefit; & encourage your wife to seek a similar good.

Bro. Riggs I shall expect to see in the course of a few weeks. I shall prize the privilege very much; for in addition to the pleasure I should receive at any time from a visit, I wish to talk with him now in regard to the interests of the Dakotas.

This new treaty is certainly a great event for the tribe; & I have strong hopes that good will come out of it. Some of the provisions are very good; & as a whole I think it will work

-ned, if it is fairly & honestly carried into effect. Of this I am not so confident as I wish to be. Our national politics may come into the question; if in no other way, at least to change the Indian Department; & then "new lords" may "make new laws." Let us pray, however, in faith. God can easily give the Dakotas just what they need.

I suppose your study of the language has suffered somewhat by reason of your absence. I trust, however, that you will give yourself anew to ~~the study of~~ it; & aim at being a ready & skillful preacher of the Word in Dakota. Such an acquisition will become eminently important, if the condition of the Indians shall be changed hereafter as we desire.

I visited Brother Potter at his station last June. He has done some hard work in his new field in getting settled; & he has a harder job before him, if he shall acquire the Seneca, as he intends.

Please to present my affectionate regards to Mrs Adams, & all your fellow laborers.

Fraternally
& very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston,
Oct. 11. 1858

Rev. J. Potter,
Allegany Res.

Dear Brother

Your favor of Aug. 22 has been long unanswered, for reasons which you fully understand. Since I left you I have had no time for any correspondence, except what was absolutely necessary. But the Annual Report is out, & the Nov. Herald is off my hands; & I have a little leisure for letter writing.

You will have seen Bro. Hall, who will have told you many things about me & mine; who has doubtless given you some account of the annual meeting. It was not just what we wished; but it was good nevertheless. I hope we shall make some advance during the current year.

But you will expect a reply to your letter. And let me say (1) that what you say of the improved appearance of the Indians in regard to spiritual things had gratified me much. May you have still greater encouragement. Pray much & fervently that the Lord will add his blessing.

(2) You do not say that you wish an extra allowance by reason of unexpected expenditures. I suppose, however, that this is your desire. But I have said nothing to

the Com^n on the subject, & will await your reply to this. In case you ask a special allowance, please to state the amount, & the cause. If it be for extra expense in clearing, you need say nothing more; for I can make the necessary explanations.

(3) You say you need another teacher. I wish you & Bro. Hall to take up the subject of schools in your Res. (consulting the other brethren, if you can) & determine what is best to be done. What is the State intending to do? Cannot the point be settled in some way? Have the Indians come to any decision in regard to the school that was in doubt when I was with you? If so, what is it?

After ascertaining what schools there are to be, & where they are to be, make up your mind how many new teachers, appointed by the Board, if any, you will want, & inform me. Also please to let me know in what circumstances they will be placed, whether by themselves, or in a family, &c.

I think I can supply the demand, if I know what is needed soon. A few months hence I will not be so sure.

(4) I am sorry you find so many obstacles in the study of the language. But persevere, press forward. The end is worth some hard study.

Mrs Treat is not very well, & has not been for some weeks. I am "doing nicely," as the English say. In fact, I feel that I have very great reason for gratitude to God for what he has done for me. May I have grace to serve him with my whole heart.

Affectionate regards to Mrs P. Miss T. & the children. Yours &c S. B. Treat

Mission House Boston
Oct 20. 185[illegible]

Rev. E. Butler M.D.
Cher. Fem. Sem.

Dear Brother.

Your letters of July 2, July 7 & 28, & August 4 I have received & read with interest, and was about to add with great pleasure; but of one I cannot say this, though the fault is not yours. For the report of Fairfield station I sincerely thank you. I wish we had a good man at that post, to relieve you of all responsibility in regard to it; but all our efforts, & they have not been few, are in vain thus far. When you see the Nov. Herald, you will find that we have made an appeal to the public. I hope that will bring a response.

Your letter giving an account of the Baptists & Methodists, & their doings among the Cherokees, presents a sad picture of human nature; & I am amazed that such things should be done any where. It is discouraging to work in the midst of such Ishmaelites; but it would not be right to quit the field because of them. The Herald for Oct. & Nov. & the annual report will show that we are willing to increase our missionary force in the Cherokee Nation. May the Lord add his blessing, & grant a refreshing from his presence, & that speedily!

I hope you will continue to write frequently; &

The letter of August 4 I read with greater pleasure than any thing I have for some time received from the Cherokee Nation; not because of any definite results, for you did not speak of any thing of the kind; but because it showed that there was the same sort of susceptibility to religious impressions in your school which I have noticed in the Choctaw boarding schools. I am exceedingly anxious that the two national seminaries should come under the power of the gospel. Much, very much depends upon upon this.

You will be glad to learn that we have appointed a young lady to Park Hill, Miss Hall, & another to Dwight, Miss Swain. Both will set out as soon as there is a prospect of high water in the Arkansas. No one is yet appointed to Lee's Creek; but I have no doubt but one will be ready in season. We have 2 or 3 who can be had, if necessary. It is much easier to get females just now than it is men for the missionary service.

Our annual meeting was a good one; & yet it did not equal our wishes. But I hope the missionary feeling is rising in the churches. Would that it advanced a little more rapidly! The slavery question did not trouble us. We had prepared ourselves for a catastrophical operation, in case it should be forced upon us; but we were spared the trial. The Lord give us a good deliverance in coming years!

I hope you will continue to write frequently; & I hope especially that you will have good news to communicate from your seminary. Your letter of August I should have been glad to publish; & I did use it in other ways; but from your cautioning me so expressly & decidedly, I was afraid to do it. The letter of the mission, in the Mis. Herald, says all perhaps that you would wish to have said.

Christian salutations to Mrs Butler, & those "honorable women" whom you have with you.

I remain, as ever, dear brother
most affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 20. 1851

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
Pine Ridge, Choctaw.

Dear Brother

I am trying to bring up my correspondence with the Indian missions; & I find that I have not acknowledged your letter of Aug. 4. We are all much obliged to you for this communication; & we were glad that you could give so favorable an account of the slavery question among you. With the aid of your letter & one from Mr. Worcester, I drew up a statement, to be used, at Portland, in case it should seem to be necessary, embracing the facts as they now are in relation to this subject. We felt very well prepared on the whole, & did not much fear any assault that might be made. But we did not desire to open the matter; far from it; & we were glad that we were not pressed. You must not consider your labor as lost. It is not so. We shall keep the letter as one of the documents that make up the history of the case; & it may yet become very important.

Bro. Byington is still at New York engaged in his translations. I do not know how soon they will issue from the press. I presume he will not return to the Choctaws for some weeks to come. It will be best doubtless for him to remain here till he is pretty much restored. The Lord is very merciful to us in sparing the older brethren of the mission so long.

May they live yet many years to come; & may the light of God's countenance shine upon them continually!

You will be glad to hear that we have obtained a teacher for Goodland, Miss Arms, of Springfield, Vt.– a young lady who is highly recommended; also another for Mt Pleasant, Miss McCormic, of Grafton, Vt.– who is spoken well of. We have no male teacher for Judge Wade's neighborhood; but you will see by the Herald that we have made an appeal to the public for one. I hope we may find the right man; though it is very hard to obtain laymen for the missionary work. I presume we shall send out a teacher for Wheelock, though none is appointed yet. These ladies will set out for the Choctaw nation when the Arkansas shall have risen sufficiently.

Let me hear often of your doings; & I hope that our gracious Master will give you much to report of his goodness to you & yours & the whole Choctaw nation. For this, dear brother, let us pray without ceasing. We know that he heareth prayer, & loves the importunity of his children when before the mercy seat.

Christian regards to Mrs Kingsbury & the "honorable women" whom you have with you. Please to remember me to Mr & Mrs Berthelet, whom I was very happy to see in Boston, & to question largely, as they can testify.

Affectionately & fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Oct 21. 1851

Rev. C. Byington
New York.

Dear Brother

Your favor of yesterday I have just received. In reply permit me to say,

1. that you need not come to Boston immediately, to talk over this slavery question. There is no urgency in the case, at least so far as can now see. All I wish is, that before you return to the Choctaw country, we may have an interview; & I hope it will do good. You spoke of coming to Andover, before your return. The two matters might be attended to at the same time.

2. I think favorably of your preparing the Grammar for publication; & I presume you will have time for such a work prior to your return, especially if you wait as long as it may be wise to wait, if you have due regard to your health. And it will be well to let the Smithsonian Institute publish your Ms. But will they furnish you what copies you need for use among the Choctaws? That is a point which should be looked after. Perhaps they will give you a certain number of impressions, sufficient for your purpose; tho' they may be of a larger size than you wish.

3. I hope the appeal for laborers in the Herald (omitted from the Journal by the printer's mistake) will bring out a number of good men, so that we may send another preacher to the Choctaws. We shall see.

When you are in Boston, do not forget to have your face daguerreotyped for our collection of portraits. Through the haste in which every thing was done when Mr & Mrs Wright were here, their pictures are wanting. I regret it very much. If you prefer, you can have yours taken in New York. Mr. Merwin will pay for it, & charge it in his acct.

I yesterday wrote Br. Ely on the slavery question. I trust he will be satisfied with my explanations.

As ever,

fraternally yours

S. B. Treat

Yours of Oct. 20 I have this moment received. I am sorry that there should have been any misapprehension in [illegible]; but I think you will not regret, in the end, being upon the usual missionary basis. Nearly all are, of course, upon this foundation; & I believe they are satisfied.

I hope you will not have the least hesitation in the matter of the outfit. It is perfectly right that you should have it at our expense; nay, in your circumstances it would be wrong to furnish it at your expense. As to the amount, I have no fear that you will desire more than we shall be willing to allow.

Herewith I send an Hills check for $50 which will enable you to purchase some things which you need. When you have ascertained the whole amount which you will require, please to inform me; & I will remit accordingly. But I will send what you need for traveling expenses before you set out for the Choctaws.

When you leave Springfield, please to apprise me where letters will reach you from time to time. I shall hope to see you in Boston before you leave. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 22. 1858.

Miss Maria P. Arms
Springfield. Vt.

Dear Miss Arms

Your letter of Oct. 20 I have this moment received. I am sorry that there should have been any misapprehension in regard to terms; but I think you will not regret, in the end, being upon the usual missionary basis. Nearly all are, of course, upon this foundation; & I believe they are satisfied.

I hope you will not have the least hesitation in the matter of the outfit. It is perfectly right that you should have it at our expense; nay, in your circumstances it would be wrong to provide it at your expense. As to the amount, I have no fear that you will desire more than we shall be willing to allow.

Herewith I send Mr Hill's check for $100 which will enable you to purchase some things which you need. When you have ascertained the whole amount which you will require, please to inform me; & I will remit accordingly. And I will send what you need for traveling expenses before you set out for the Choctaws.

When you leave Springfield, please to apprise me where letters will reach you from time to time. I shall hope to see you in Boston before you leave. Truly yours S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms, Boston
Oct 22, 1851

Rev. W. Willey
Cher. Mission

Dear Brother

I have just obtained a response from Dea. Proctor in regard to the tomb stones for Mr & Mrs Butrick. He wishes to know (1) what, in the circumstances, you would recommend to be erected. As you are on the ground, he supposes you can judge better than any one else. (2) What would be the cost of what you would propose? (3) Where can the proper article be obtained? at Van Buren, Little Rock, or where? (4) Can you take the responsibility of ordering it? I suppose the inscription might be furnished by Dea. Proctor; though he has said nothing on the subject. Will you please to reply as soon as convenient.

You will be glad to learn that a teacher has been appointed for Dwight, a Miss Swain, from Windsor Vt. She is highly recommended, & I hope she will do well.

Kind regards to your associates

In great haste
Affectionately yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 27. 1861

Miss Harriet McCormic
Grafton, Va.

My dear Miss M.

Your letter of Oct. 24 I have just received. I am sorry that there should have been any misunderstanding in regard to the compensation which you are to have; but *we* like the missionary *basis* the best, & I think *you* will in the end. We wish all the employés of the Board to stand upon the same platform, *those* who labor for the cause at home, & *those* who go abroad. Our salaries at the Miss. House are designed simply to give an economical support; & in general they are not sufficient for that. Mine is just one half of my pastor's. We desire that all may engage in this work as one of faith, & our reward will be not in silver or gold, but *something* which is far better!

The sum which you mention for outfit is $30. This I think is quite small; & I have therefore sent $50. More than this I should be very willing to remit. I am not sure but you had better put what you have earned in some safe place, on interest, for example, & let us pay for your *whole* outfit. If you wish for any thing more, please to inform me without any hesitation. Indeed, I *advise* you to procure your outfit mainly without drawing on your own funds.

Very sincerely yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Oct 28th 1857

Miss Julia F. Stone
Marietta, Ohio.

Dear Miss S.

Your letter of Oct 18 has duly arrived; this morning I have received testimonials from Rev. J. Wickes & others. I presume the Prud. Com. will regard the papers as sufficient, with the exception of one point, that is health. In your letter you speak of your "greatly impaired" health a few years ago; & this expression suggests the propriety of my addressing you on the subject. The climate of the Cherokee country, you know, is trying to many constitutions; whether it will affect you unfavorably or not, I do not know. Of course we have a common interest in ascertaining this point, if possible. I would request you, therefore, to consult some skillful physician, & get his opinion in writing, & send it to me. If it is favorable, I think you will be appointed at once. I regret this delay; but I do not think that the rest of the party will leave before Dec. 1.

Very sincerely
yrs
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 29, 1857

Miss C. M. Bigelow
Brattleboro, Vt.

Dear Miss B.

I write in great haste to say that if you will send me testimonials in your favor, I think the Comee will appoint you a teacher to Wheelock, Choctaw Nation. It is an excellent place; & I have no doubt you will like it. I would say more, if I had time; but you may feel at rest as to the desirableness of the place.

Please to send me (1) an account of your history, especially your religious history, motives in proposing to go upon a mission. (2) certificate of church membership (3) a letter from Mr Clapp, & others, if convenient, as to your qualifications for teaching, piety, &c &c. I have Mr Gerould's opinion; hence it will not be necessary to get his opinion again.

I believe Mr Gleason has written to Mr Clapp as to what testimonials will be needed.

I should like to have the papers by Tuesday noon. In that case the Comee will decide the case on that day.

Yrs affectionately

S. B. Treat
Sec. &c &c

Miss. House Boston
Oct 29 1858

Rev. A. H. Clapp
Brattleboro Vt.

Dear Brother

I have just written to Miss C. M. Bigelow, that I think the Comm^ee^ will appoint her [illegible] a teacher to Wheelock, Choctaw, if she will forward the usual testimonials. I should like to receive the papers by Tuesday noon. If any of you can expedite the matter in any way, you will confer a favor on me, & perhaps on Miss B. It is possible she may not get my letter immediately; & you may be able to to put her in the way of getting it at once.

In great haste
Truly yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. &c &c

Miss. House Boston
Oct. 30. 1851

Rev. S. R. Riggs
Hawley. Mass.

Dear Brother

Your esteemed favor of the 25th has just reached me. I rejoice that the good of your God has been upon you, & that you have reached the home of Mrs. Riggs in safety. I hope that I shall soon learn that you are quite well. Your throat, however, you had better treat with tenderness. It is far more important that you go back sound in that place, than that you preach a few times in New England or elsewhere. Be prudent, & err on the safe side. I hope there will yet be work for you to do among the Dakotas, which will tax all your powers to the utmost.

It may relieve your mind perhaps to know that Mr & Mrs Adams were at Galena Oct. 3, on their way to Lac-qui-parle. I trust they will be able to fill your place, as well as they may, ~~while~~ during your absence.

As soon as you can conveniently come to Boston, I shall be glad to see you. If Mrs. Riggs can leave, it will give me much pleasure to welcome her to my house. Before coming, however, you had better apprise me of the time; & I will write to you in reply, if any thing shall prevent my giving as much time to you as I wish.

Affectionate regards to Mrs R. Truly yours, in haste, S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
Oct 30. 1858

Rev. A. H. Clapp
Brattleboro Vt

Dear Brother

I sent you a hasty note last evening in regard to Miss Bigelow. It has since occurred to me, that you & she might be assisted somewhat by my referring you to the Boston Herald, where you will see some account of the Wheelock boarding school, in which Miss Bigelow will be expected to teach, if she shall be appointed.

Very respectfully
& truly
yours
S. B. Treat.

Mis. House. Boston
Oct 30. 1855

Rev. C. Byington
New York.

Dear Brother

I have learned that some of your communications in the papers, bearing on the slavery question, have produced a little disquiet, I know not how extensive, as only one individual has written to me on the subject. He, however, is well acquainted with matters among the Choctaws, & has made up his mind that he must present another phase of the question to the public. This I regret very much; & I should be glad to prevent any thing that should look like collision between you & him. Perhaps I may be able to exert a little influence in that direction, & I shall try, at any rate.

Permit me to inquire whether, on the whole, it is advisable that you should publish any thing further on this subject. I am afraid of another discussion in the papers. I do not think the efficiency of the mission, or the good of the cause will be promoted thereby; & it is possible that if nothing further comes from your side, all will be quiet.

As ever
paternally
yours
S. B. Treat.

Mis. House Boston

Rev. M. Gerould
Hinsdale, N.H.

Dear Brother

The joint letter of Mr Gerould & yourself I received last evening. I hope that we may have the pleasure of sending Miss Bigelow to the Choctaws; & I have written to her on the subject. If the papers are ready next Tuesday, I expect the Com^e will then act on the matter. If you have any knowledge or opinion of Miss B., beyond what you have already communicated, I shall be happy to hear from you. The place which I have in view for her, is Wheelock. She will be a teacher in the Choctaw boarding school at that station. The Rep. [illegible] will show what studies are pursued there.

In regard to Miss Horne, I have to say that on receiving Dr. Wright's opinion respecting her health, I considered it pretty certain that the Com^e would not appoint her; & hence I have obtained the necessary teachers elsewhere. (The vacancy at Wheelock I was not expecting to fill at that time.) Indeed, I do not think the Com^e could be induced to send her so far, at so much expense as must be incurred, as the case now stands. But I have received a letter from Mr Potter, of the N.Y. Indian mission, this very day; & he says he wants a teacher. Now if Miss Horne wishes to go to that station, & can satisfy Mr Potter that she can fill the place which he wishes to supply, I will cheerfully consent to her going there. I have mentioned her name, & he may write to her, [illegible] of those [illegible] wages as to the [illegible]. [illegible] Perhaps he may [illegible] Foster, [illegible] Dudley Danville, Va. [illegible] may write to Mr. Foster. [illegible] Cattaraugus [illegible]

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send, that Miss Morse [illegible] who led at Cattaraugus, known to Bro. Wright's & [illegible], is very anxious to join an Indian mission. Her health was not good when she left; but she says it is very much improved. Miss Thayer thinks highly of her, & I presume she has many fine qualities. But I will not say more about her, as our friends at Cattaraugus can tell you all about her. If you wish to write to her, address Miss Mary Morse, Hinsdale, N. H. care of Rev. Mr. Gerould.

Rev. John Dudley, of Danville, Va. wrote me recently that one (if not two) of his best young ladies might be had for the Choctaw mission. I replied that we had enough for the Choctaws & Cherokees; but it is not at all unlikely that your mission would interest the lady in question just as much. Perhaps you had better write to him. If then [illegible], I [illegible] [illegible].

Miss. Home, Boston,
Oct. 30. 1851.

Rev. J. Potter,
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother Potter,

Your favor of Oct. 25 has just arrived at the Miss. Home. There are several items therein presented, upon which I will say a few words.

1. The matter of an extra allowance I will lay before the Com. next Tuesday. I think they will grant what you ask.

2. A teacher at [illegible] I believe we can furnish, unless you should prefer to keep the one whom you have found, viz. Miss Stone [illegible]. Miss Stone, who used to be at Cattaraugus, & known to Bro. Wright, is very anxious to join an Indian mission. Her health was not good when she left; but she says it is "very much improved." Miss Thayer thinks highly of her, & I presume she has many fine qualities. But I will not say more about her, as our friends at Cattaraugus can tell you all about her. If you wish to write to her, address Miss Mary Stone, Hinsdale, N. H. care of Rev. Mr. Gerould.

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3. Your note in the margin I have read, & permit me to say in reply that I am in fault for the letter in the Journal, if there be a fault. Mr. B. wrote me a long letter on the Slavery question, including what is in the Journal. I mentioned that incident to Mr. Dole, & he said he should like to put it in the Journal. He was sick afterwards, & I was obliged to complete the Oct. No. in haste, & Bro. B. being here, I proposed to him to throw the statement into a letter by itself, which he did, & so it appeared. I had not the most remote idea of giving a one-sided view of slavery among the Choctaws; but I thought that letter would form an interesting item in the Journal.

I have seen some things which Bro. B. has published. I have also written to him suggesting whether it is best for him to go any farther in that line of things. I think he will not ~~stop~~. And let me inquire whether it is clear to your own mind that more good will be accomplished by your publishing a counter statement than by your silence. I do not know what, where or how, you mean to speak to the public. But after conferring with Dr. Pomroy, (you know how he feels strongly,) if you could honestly & with a safe conscience withhold your proposed communications from the public, I should be glad. I am not satisfied altogether with the present state of the question. We expect to have an interview with Bro. B. before he returns on this subject, (I have had several already;) & perhaps we may get things into just the right shape.

Kind regards to all.

Yours very sincerely
in great haste
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Oct 31, 1857

Rev. C. Byington
New York.

Dear Brother

I have this moment received the accompanying letter from Rev. Mr. Bartlett. I think you had better correspond with him, as you know just what you want; hence I will leave the matter in your hands. I will say, that if he suits you, engage him on the usual terms. I hope he may prove to be *the* man.

Please to return me Mr. Bartlett's letter, when you have done with it.

As ever, Fraternally
Yours
S. B. Treat

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Missions House, Boston
Nov. 1. 1851.

Rev. C. Kingsbury,
New York, &c.

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Oct. 30. I have duly received. And I will say in reply

1. Mr Pearson's address is Jacksonville, Illinois.

2. I have not made any definite arrangements for getting all these ladies to the Choctaw mission. I am waiting to see who is going, & that is, what man. I hope something may come of the letter I sent you from Mr. Bartlett. I doubt whether they had better go up Red River, unless they can go to Fort Towson. Little Rock is preferable to Shreveport as a place for commencing the land journey. But if they can reach Fort Towson, that is the best route. Next Tuesday I presume we shall appoint a teacher for Wheelock.

3. I must caution you about the use of your [illegible]. I have had 13 years' experience in this matter; & it is exceedingly important that you be careful. The Choctaws have the highest claim upon you; & you may commit a mistake that will bear fruit for your whole life.

As ever,
most affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 1. 1851.

Rev. L. W. Chaney.
Burlington, Vt.

Dear Brother

I have been hoping for some time to receive a letter from you, announcing your purpose to devote yourself, with the divine approval, to the Indians on our western borders. In the absence of such a communication, permit me to say that the urgency of the case remains the same as when I saw you. We must send two missionaries, if possible, to the Choctaws during 1852; but I know not where to find them. The necessities of the Cherokees are equally great, as you will see by looking at the Nov. Herald. I am beginning to feel my anxieties in regard to these missions. The wants of our other fields are so pressing, & the disposition of young men to cross the ocean is so strong when they choose the missionary work, that I am afraid that the red man is to be left without suitable provision for his spiritual interests. It will give me great pleasure to hear how this question is shaping itself in your mind, & especially to learn that you have decided in accordance with the intimation which you gave me in Portland.

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat. Sec. &c

Copy this

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 3. 1858.

To the New York
Indian Mission.

Dear Brethren.

Your action in the case of Mr. Bliss was laid before the Prud. Com. at their last meeting; & I am now, by their direction, to apprize you of their views in the premises. It seems necessary, first of all, that I should briefly call your attention to the principles which govern us in the matter of salaries, as also of allowances made to returning missionaries.

We feel it to be our duty to carry the strictest economy into all our operations, (1) the money entrusted to us is of a very sacred character. (2) It is only in this way that we can preserve the confidence of the churches, without which we shall accomplish but little. And this principle applies to the supporting the employés of the Board, as well as to every other department of expenditure. Indeed, we feel that there are additional reasons for caution, whenever we take up the subject of salaries. Pastors generally receive but a very moderate support; & it is not expedient to place missionaries upon a much better footing than they are. If we do, (1) they will feel unpleasantly, & will cooperate less cordially in the missionary work; & (2) we shall be in danger of getting men into our ranks who are influenced partly by pecuniary considerations; & (3) the churches will ask why we pay more than they do for the services of ministry.

The truth is, the work of a missionary is a noble of faith & self-denial. He must renounce the prospect of earthly good, & commit himself to that blessed Being whose promises are sure to him & to his seed.

We endeavor to act upon this principle in respect to salaries. My salary is $1500; my pastor's is $2000. Dr. Anderson, with a larger family than mine, has $1700; & he has not had above this sum for (I know not how) many years. Any one who will come here & look into the matter, will see why it is so. If you ask me, "How do you live thus?" I can only say, "I hardly know myself." This I do know, however; that my wife & myself have been a standing committee of ways & means for a long time; & I do not see that our occupation in this line of things is to cease very soon. But I have found two things to be true. (1) Living in this way has been a means of grace to me. (2) I am brought into sympathy with those who make sacrifices for the cause of missions; & this is well for many reasons.

When missionaries leave us, another question comes up; & we are sometimes embarrassed in deciding it. Could we follow the promptings of Christian sympathy, we should make a very liberal allowance. This we should be always glad to do. But there are other considerations which may not be overlooked; & hence we generally find ourselves obliged to give less than we would. Still it is a fact, & I rejoice that it is so, that our missionaries are upon a better footing in this respect than Secretaries, agents, &c. If I am cut down by disease, (brought upon me perhaps by hard service,) my family will have one quarter's salary after my death. Should Dr. Anderson, after nearly 30 years' service, be laid aside from his labors, he can expect only one quarter's salary after [illegible] then he comes [illegible] better [illegible] [illegible] whilst doing the [illegible] of the Board [illegible] [illegible] place. And it [illegible] whether he would ever be able to perform the duties of a minister of Christ. He left by [illegible]. Hence in the condition of [illegible] in [illegible] [illegible]. The [illegible] that they felt that [illegible] all which they could [illegible] although [illegible] made [illegible] appeal to their sympathies.

I need not state [illegible] [illegible] in a few cases, [illegible] allowances [illegible] but [illegible] that they are comparatively rare. Suppose [illegible] had been settled in a parish in western New York, [illegible] as he might naturally [illegible]; that [illegible] had been called to [illegible] of the [illegible]. How much could he have expected from his [illegible] as an extra allowance?

You will say, [illegible] that [illegible] should not [illegible] for [illegible] will [illegible] more for him than he would have [illegible] from a congregation in any ordinary case. [illegible] cannot [illegible] [illegible] of the [illegible] for [illegible] that [illegible] [illegible] different from those [illegible] [illegible] they would [illegible] and [illegible].

But [illegible] I may say [illegible] [illegible] the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of impaired health, it may be, we suppose them to be able to enter a new field of labor, & a new family, or after leaving; after which our responsibilities cease. They receive, therefore, (1) a support from the time of their return (2) expenses of removal to the new residence, & (3) a moderate allowance, when necessary, to put their families in a comfortable position. This is the extreme point to which we have gone, even where ill health, superinduced by the toils & trials of a missionary life, has occasioned the return.

But it may happen that the missionary delays his settlement beyond a reasonable time; & the Com^e think he ought to release the Board from the offering of his support, or he may wish to take his release before locating himself permanently; or, for other reasons, the case may be *sui generis*. In any such instance the Com^e make an allowance according to the circumstances, ~~[illegible]~~ keeping in mind the general principles which I have just mentioned. You may have heard of the present Mr. Crane, late of the Madura mission. He lost his health in the service of the Board, & he returned with an expensive family. At the end of a year he was still unable to preach; & he seemed likely to continue unequal to the pastoral office for an indefinite period. The Com^e said to him, "We will give you one year's support in advance, if you will release us from all further claims." He did so, & with the allowance & the aid of friends he bought a small farm. It was a trying case, & the Com^e thought they made a good arrangement for the Board; & I believe he thought it a good one for himself.

By referring to page 60 of our Manual you will understand the leading principles which apply to returning missionaries. This will show (1) that the principle of compensation for past services, however long & meritorious, has no place among these principles. This has never been admitted in respect to any employé of the Board; & the Com^tee deem it very important to adhere to the rule. (2) Missionaries who return on account of sickness & regain their health, if they remain in the United States, are regarded as having no further claim upon the treasury. Of course one who leaves the service of the Board in good health, will stand upon no better footing; & hence he cannot be entitled to anything in the nature of a support after he has entered upon a new field of labor. But if I am correctly informed the mission have included in the $1000 (which they propose as the allowance to be made to Mr Bliss) one year's salary. This seems to be in contravention of the published rules & regulations.

The foregoing remarks hardly need any application to the case in hand. (3) Mr Bliss virtually ceased to be a missionary last summer, with the full & free consent of the Com^tee. It was fit & proper that he should have time to make such arrangements as he should think advisable in his altered circumstances. He has made these arrangements, & we have supported him during the interim, as we should have done. (4) It will be our duty to pay the expenses of his removal to his new field of labor. All this is plain.

In addition to these advantages which he has over most dismissed pastors, I presume the Com^tee (5) will make a moderate allowance, if it shall be needed, to place his family in comfortable circumstances than we can go farther, I suppose. I must cease.

The improvements present a different question, respecting which I will address him individually. Were we disposed to stand upon our strict rights, we might argue, (1) that Mr Bliss should ask nothing for improvements resulting from his own labor, because his time, like that of all missionaries, belongs to the Board, & (2) if he has expended his own money on the station, he did it without any promise of the Comm^e to make it good. But we shall not take any such ground. We desire that he may receive a proper remuneration for his improvements; & I shall endeavor to show him how this can be accomplished.

I have expressed myself freely & frankly in reference to this trying case; & I have no doubt you would have me thus write, now & at all times. I am not much surprised that there should be some difference of views between us; inasmuch as you have had no experience in such matters, & we have had a great deal, & shall have much more in coming years. But I think you will agree that we have taken the missionary view of the question, which is the one for us.

Yours in the faith
of the gospel

S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 4. 1858

Miss Chloe M. Bigelow,
Brattleboro, Vt.

Dear Miss B.

I have barely time to say that our Com^ee have this afternoon appointed you an assistant missionary of the Board, & designated you to Wheelock. You will teach a part of the boarding school at that Station, & will reside in the family of Mr H. K. Copeland. Mr & Mrs C. are most excellent people; & I have no doubt you will esteem & love them. Miss Dickinson, of Deerfield, Mass. formerly filled the place.

The teachers in the boarding schools are not upon the strict missionary basis. They receive a salary which is rather beyond their necessities; while others have merely an economical support. This salary is generally $100, in addition to board &c. At Wheelock I think it may be $75, though I am not sure. The reason of there being larger salaries in the case of the teachers is, that the schools are mainly supported by Choctaw funds.

To such teachers we allow a moderate outfit, & expenses to the nation; & after that we have no further responsibility. They receive the salary, & that is in lieu of all things else. If they return, therefore, to New England, they pay the expense

And should these matters fail, we should be under no obligation toward them, except such a moral obligation as we might feel in peculiar circumstances.

You can go out upon either plan. If you choose the missionary basis, you will be upon the same footing with any other laborer sustained by the Board.

We shall be happy to aid you in the matter of outfit. If you will let me know what sum you will need, I will remit it without delay.

Praying that the blessing of God may be with you in your contemplated labors, I subscribe myself

Very respectfully
Sincerely
Yours

S. B. Treat
Sec. &c &c

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 5. 1850

Rev. J. Potter,
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother:

Yesterday I laid the subject of an appropriation for your station, to furnish out the year, before the Prud. Comm^ee. They have cheerfully granted you $20 for the Jamisontown school, & $100 for general expenses. This, I believe, is all you asked.

I wrote to you Oct 30 in regard to salary. That letter I presume you have received.

Is the name of your Post Office - Buck Tooth still?

Kind regards to Mrs P. &c &c

Yours ever,
truly
yours
S. B. Treat

P.S. Mr. Wright says he does not intend to write any thing further in relation to salary

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 5. 1850.

Rev. Asher Bliss.
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother.

I have written a letter to the mission in respect to their action in the matter of your allowance, which you may have already seen. That communication will show what is our view of the case; & I have such confidence in the missionary principles of Mr B. & yourself, that I anticipate your cordial assent to the reasoning which brings us to this result. As a matter of feeling, we would gladly grant the favor; but as stewards, with very peculiar responsibilities, we feel that we cannot do it.

You will see that we consider ourselves fairly chargeable with your support to the time of your entering your new field, along with the expenses of removal. In some cases this is all which we allow; in others it is not. I have supposed that you could present a statement of facts which would justify us in doing something more. If you need assistance in obtaining what provisions you need, or in providing proper clothing for your family, I have no doubt the Com. will aid you. State your wants to me without delay, & let me have this matter closed.

You will see what I have written in regard to the improvements. I am anxious that you should receive a suitable remuneration for your outlay. And as to the orchard I would suggest (1) that you sell it, if you can do so to advantage, or (2), if that is out of the question, that you make some arrangement with Mr. Gleason or some one else, by which you can realize the benefit of what you have done. I presume Mr G. will not think it desirable for him to purchase your interest in the orchard; & I feel disinclined to take this course.

As to other improvements, if they should belong to the station, I think Messrs Wright & Gleason had better say what we ought to allow. The question, I suppose, will be, "What is their actual value to one who needs them?"

I presume you are anxious to have this matter closed as soon as may be, & I will see that it is duly attended to, as soon as we get all the facts.

Permit me to add, that when a final adjustment is made with our missionaries, it is usual for them to take a formal release from their connection with the Board. An intimation from you to this effect will be necessary.

I cherish the hope that though you may be somewhat disappointed in respect to the allowance, the friendly feeling which has so long subsisted between you & the Com. will continue. We have but one wish, which is to do just what the Master will approve, & I believe this is your wish also.

Please to present my affectionate regards to Mrs O. & the children, & believe me, as ever

Your affectionate
brother, in the
gospel of
Christ,

S. B. Treat
Sec. &c

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 5, 1851

Rev. A. Gleason,
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother.

I was glad to receive your letter of Oct. 29; & I hope that you will soon be settled in your new home. And, what is far more important, I hope that the Lord will be with you & direct all your labors. May he permit us to hear good news from the Senecas!

You will be glad to hear that Mr. Bigelow is appointed & designated to Wheelock. The whole story is a long one, & therefore I will not tell you how it came about.

Let me say a word in regard to Bro. Bliss's improvements. You will see what I have written to the mission & to Bro. B. on this subject. I suppose it is not expedient for us to take the orchard. Is this your opinion? If so, matters can take the course which I have pointed out in my letter to Bro. B. I suppose there are other improvements, of no great value, which it may be well for us to have, as fairly & naturally belonging to the station. Is this so? If so, what are they? & what sum do you & Bro. Wright think them worth? What should a purchaser, needing them, pay for them?

It may be well for you & Mr. W. to make up your minds on this subject at once, & inform Bro. Bliss & me, that we may decide the whole case without delay.

Affectionate regards to your family. Yours &c S. B. Treat

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Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 5, 1856

Rev. Asher Wright.
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother.

I sent to your address, two days ago, a letter for the mission, explaining the reasons of our non concurrence with their recommendation in relation to Bro. Bliss's allowance. I send herewith a letter to Bro. B. which you can read; as also one to Bro. Gleason, as they all form part of one story. Besides I do not know how to direct a communication to him in his new home. I will thank you to forward the mission letter to him, as also the one you will receive herewith. Perhaps you & Bro. G. can prepare an opinion in regard to the improvements, & transmit the same to him, & so expedite the final settlement, which I suppose he desires.

I am glad you gave the history of the vote in reference to the allowance. It is not strange, in your inexperience in such cases, that you should have proposed an allowance which we cannot grant. We have had too much of this sort of experience, & must look out for our precedents & our principles. The pleasant relations of the Com^ee & the mission will not be in the least disturbed by what has taken place.

Kind regards to Mrs Wright

Fraternally yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 5, 1851.

Miss Laura Graham,
Fayetteville, New York.

Dear Miss G.

Having received all the documents in your case, I yesterday laid the subject of your appointment to Wheelock before the Prud. Com^ee. The testimonials are satisfactory; & were it not for the singular complication of affairs, they would not hesitate to appoint you.

But they look at the question in this light. Not expecting an appointment, for reasons which are set forth in your letter, you engaged to become a teacher in Arkansas. From this engagement you are not free; & it does not yet appear how readily you can be released from it. Possibly this result cannot be secured without unpleasant feeling. In addition to this fact, it seems that you have some misgivings as to the proposed course of action. You are afraid that you shall not be in the path of duty, if you go to the Choctaws. In these circumstances they do not feel warranted in making the appointment. The Providence of God appears to point in a different direction.

I am charged by the Com^ee, in an especial manner, to express their sympathy with you in this trial. But they commit you with confidence to the

Master whom we serve, believing that he will be with you & bless you in all your ways.

We cherish the hope that you may yet be guided, clearly & undoubtingly, to one of our Indian missions. Your residence in Arkansas will enable you to judge of the climate; & there will be vacancies constantly occurring among the Choctaws & Cherokees. For this reason I think it may be well for you to keep me informed of your residence, wishes & plans. If you could leave at the end of a year with propriety, for any cause, we may have a place to fill.

I do not look upon our correspondence as closed, therefore; but I expect to hear from you again at some future day. In the mean time may you prove yourself a faithful servant of our blessed Lord!

I remain
Very affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 5, 1851

Mrs. A. B. Wright,
Choctaw Mission.

Dear Madam

Your letter of Sept. 17 reached the Miss. House about two weeks ago. I agree perfectly with you as to the desirableness of there being another teacher at Wheelock; & when Mr. Byington first came to Boston, one of the first things which I said to him, was, "Do they not want a teacher at Wheelock?" He replied that he had received no commission to procure any one, at which I was somewhat surprised. Subsequently, however, (Sept. 15,) I received certain testimonials in behalf of Miss Graham, mostly if not entirely from Baptists; but there was no letter from herself. I soon wrote to her, stating that the papers were not complete, & requesting an explanation in regard to the Baptist feature of the case. By reason of her changing her residence, she did not receive my letter, as she should have done; & before it reached her, she agreed to become a teacher at Arkansas. She wrote subsequently that she was willing to go to Wheelock, if we thought it best to send her; but she evidently had some misgivings as to the propriety of her doing so. In view of all the circumstances the Com^{ee} have decided that the way does not seem to be open for them to appoint her.

But fortunately this is not the whole story. Another young lady, Miss Chloe M. Bigelow, of

Brattleboro, Vt. — is willing to go; & she has been appointed accordingly. The Comm. think her the preferable candidate, judging simply from the documents before them. Her pastor, Rev. A. H. Clapp, 3 deacons, & two other leading men say. "Her eminent piety, her Christian character, her intellectual capacity & acquirements, her indomitable energy & perseverance, her ardent devotion to the cause of Christ, & her strong desire to serve him in the missionary work, all eminently fit her for the contemplated position. As a missionary teacher she would have our full confidence". Another clergyman & his wife speak in very decided terms of her qualifications. Mr. Clapp wrote the passage which I have quoted above, after I had called his attention to Mr. Wrights account of your school, published in the Rel. Herald.

Miss Bigelow is 22 years old, & I am told is interesting in her appearance. I have not seen her as yet. Of course we cannot know how teachers will do till they are tried; but we think we have secured a valuable coadjutor for you. She will accompany the other teachers; when I do not know. I doubt whether Mr Byington will go back just yet.

Affectionate regards to Mrs. W. & all your fellowlaborers.

Very respectfully
yours in the
fellowship of the gospel
S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 5, 1850

Rev. T. C. Ranney
Lee's Creek.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Aug. 12 arrived too late for the annual report; & also too late for the account of your mission, with others, published in the Oct. Herald, as it was already in type. Still I am glad you sent it, & thank you for it. I have been waiting some time to acknowledge this letter, in the hope of being able to announce the appointment of a teacher for Lee's Creek. A Miss Stone wishes to go there; & she has sent on her testimonials. I presume the Com.ee would pronounce them satisfactory; but there was no certificate as to health, & it appeared from her letter, that she was formerly out of health. I have written to have this matter attended to; & I hope she may be appointed next week. If her case shall be disposed of favorably, we shall have designated 6 young ladies to the Cherokee & Choctaw missions within a short time.

But it is hard to get men. We need two laymen for the Choctaws, to say nothing of ministers for both missions; but they do not come. I hope the appeal in the Nov. Herald may bring some consecrated missionary to light; but I am not sure. We shall soon see.

I am glad that you have more encouragement in your work. May the Lord cheer your heart still more by the tokens of his presence & favor.

I shall probably address you again in a few days, announcing the appointment of Miss Stone.

Christian regards to Mrs. Ranney.

I remain, as ever,
yours in the
work & faith
of the gospel

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 15 1850

Rev. C. Byington
New York

Dear Brother

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Affect.
yours

S. B. Treat

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Nov. 10 1851

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New York

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Affect.
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S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 10. 1858

Miss J. C. Swain,
Windsor. Vt.

Dear Miss S.

Your favor of Nov. 5 I received Saturday; & I avail myself of the first leisure moment to reply. I will speak of the several items presented in your letter in order.

1. I send herewith Mr. Hill's check for $75. which will enable you to obtain your outfit. If you do not need the whole amount, you can use the balance for your travelling expenses.

2. You will not need to make any provision of stock, for your rooms, &c. at Smyrna. Though I have received no positive information on this point, I can hardly believe it will be necessary. Presume you may venture to go without any provision.

3. There has been a boarding-school at Smyrna for a number of years; but the Comee upon the advice of the mission, have converted it into a day-school, with such boarding pupils as can be conveniently accommodated by the families at the station. The school will be composed almost entirely of girls, & it will not be large. The studies taught will be all English, & such as are pursued in our best district schools. I am not aware that any branches are there attended to, which are not embraced in this description;

though I will not undertake to write with entire confidence on this point. Mrs Palmer, formerly Miss Giddings ~~[illegible]~~, was very happy in her school.

4. I cannot speak with certainty in regard to the time of your departure; but I will endeavor to give you an opportunity to visit your brother in New York. I think you will do well to get every thing ready, say within 2 weeks. I don't think you will leave before December.

Upon the transmission of baggage, perhaps I had better say a word. We send various articles to the mission every winter, (as they are ordered,) & I think such articles as you will not need before next spring — say May 1. — you had better forward to the Miss. House, 33 Pemberton Squ. Boston, directed to yourself, & marked Cherokee mission. We will then send your boxes, with those which go to the different families there. What you will need before May 1, you may as well take with you as baggage.

If you need any other information, I shall be happy to give it.

Very respectfully,
& affectionately
Yours
S. B. Treat.

Mission House, Boston
Nov. 11. 1850

Miss C. M. Bigelow
Brattleboro, Vt.

Dear Miss B.

Yours of the 10th I have just received. I would say in reply (1) we have no fixed sum which we allow teachers who go to the Indian missions. Some do not wish to receive any thing; others receive only a part of an outfit. Nor do I know what is usually spent. In fact, that varies according to circumstances. I have recently remitted $50 in two cases for this purpose; in another case $50 or 60 were asked, & I sent $75. the balance, beyond what was needed, to be expended in travelling expenses. I will send the same amount to you. If it shall seem to you that you ought to have more, please to inform me.

(2) As to the kind of clothing &c you will have long & hot summers & mild winters. Miss Lydia S. Hall, Lowell, Mass. has lived there, & will give you precise information, just what you need. The missionaries send boxes once a year, or oftener, for what they cannot as well purchase nearer to their homes. You can of course send with them. And let me say, here, that you had better take with you as baggage such things as you will want during the winter. The rest you can send here, (33 Pemb. Sqr. Boston,) directed to yourself, Choctaw mission, & we will forward it.

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certain who will accompany you. That matter I have now in charge. I think you will not go before Dec. but I am not quite sure. You had better be ready as soon as convenient, & I will inform you of the time & way.

In great haste,

I remain

affectionately

yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston

Nov. 12, 185[illegible]

Miss [illegible] S. Stone

Marietta, Ohio.

Dear Miss S.

It gives me much pleasure to announce your appointment as assistant missionary of the Board. You are designated to Lees Creek, Cherokee nation; & you will be expected to assume the duties of a teacher at that station, residing at the same time in the family of Mr. Ranney. This good brother & his excellent wife will give you a pleasant home, I doubt not. And I trust you will find a field of labor that will interest you, & in which you will render yourself eminently useful. May the Lord of missions be with you, & grant you much of his spirit!

I suppose you can be ready to start for the Cherokee mission at an early day. Two other young ladies will go thither; & it would seem to be desirable that you should accompany them. I presume they will go to Cincinnati, where you can join them. I do not expect the Arkansas River to rise till Dec. & you ought not to reach Napoleon till that event occurs. I shall ascertain the proper time of departure, as soon as I can, & inform you.

Mis. House Boston
Nov. 12 1852.

Miss Julia F. Stone,
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I do not know whether you will require any assistance for your outfit. Some ask for aid, when they go out; others do not. In ordinary cases, I wish to hear, in regard to this matter; but there is not time in the present instance. Hence, if you need assistance, Messrs. Bartlett, [illegible] or any two of them, may decide upon the amount, in view of the circumstances. Mr. Bartlett will provide the necessary funds.

Perhaps I ought to add, that I am not sure that the Choctaw reinforcement will go by Arkansas River. They may go by Red River.

Affectionately &
very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston,
Nov. 11. 1851.

Rev. E. Davis, D.D.,
Westfield, Mass.

Rev & Dear Sir.

Mr. N. F (or T.) Atkins writes to me from Lacon, Ill. making inquiries in regard to the place which we wish to fill with a teacher in the Choctaw mission. He refers me to yourself, among others, as to his character & qualifications. Before entering upon a correspondence with him, I should like to know more about him. The following questions will show what I wish to know.

1. What is his age? 2. Is he married? If so, what is the character of his wife? 3. What are his mental characteristics? 4. Has he devoted piety? 5 Could he acquire the Choctaw language? 6 Could he interest the people by holding meetings? 7. Would he be a suitable person to receive licensure, after a time, having gained the language, &c? 8 Is he well qualified to teach a good district school? 9. Could he begin a new station, put up buildings, &c 10. Would he endure hardness as a good soldier &c? These inquiries will indicate what I want to learn. By replying thereto, you will much oblige

respectfully & truly
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 12. 1858

Rev. C. Byington
New York.

Dear Brother

As I did not hear from Mr. Cheney who has talked of going to the Choctaws, I wrote him a letter a few days ago, to keep the subject before his mind. To day I have received an answer, which I send herewith. It occurred to me that you might drop him a line, saying such things as occur to you, &c. You can present your wants, & also relieve his mind as to the difficulty of getting the language. Ordinarily I should not say much to a person in his state of mind. But all who know him, speak of him in very high terms; & I think he is just such a laborer as you need. His friends say that if he goes, he will go cheerfully, & work pleasantly.

If you write, you can send your letter to me, sealed or unsealed, & I will also write. Please to return his letter to me.

As ever,
affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Nov. 13. 1851

Miss Laura Graham
Fayetteville, N. Y.

Dear Miss G.

Your letter of the 10th I have just received, & I am surprised to learn that you have not received mine of the 5th. In that I communicated the opinion of the Comee, in the very peculiar circumstances of the case, that it was not expedient for you to go to the Cherokees this year. Presuming, however, that you will have received that letter, before this shall reach you, I will not enlarge. I still indulge the hope that our correspondence may hereafter be resumed.

Fraternally
yours
S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston.
Nov. 14. 1854

Mr. A. W. Pitkin
St. Louis. Mo.

Dear Brother.

Your favor of Nov. 3 came to hand Nov. 7. I have been waiting a few days, in order to know more definitely what to write. I agree with you that Red River affords the best route to the Choctaws, if boats can ascend as far as Fowler's; & I think I shall advise all who are going thither this fall to take this way. But I fear that Dec. 1 will be too soon; & of course I do not wish to throw a number of persons on the hands of New Orleans, to be entertained gratuitously, or at our expense. Mr Heald has written to me, thinking that Red River is very low; but will probably be boatable after Dec. 10th or 20th. Hence I think it is better for our party to wait beyond the 1st Dec. I hope you may change your plan, & not go so soon. It would give me great pleasure to have you take charge of the ladies who are going to the mission. I send one to Wheelock, one to Good Land, one to Mt. Pleasant. Miss Fay & Miss [illegible] go also, as you know. Rev. Geo. [illegible] is nearly [illegible], in Illinois. Can you postpone your going? If so, please to inform me how late you can defer it. Should you take this course, there may not be time to receive any letter from me at St Louis; but I can write to New Orleans. Care of J. H. Heald. Esq.

Very sincerely yours S. B. Treat.

Miss. House. Boston
Nov. 14. 1851

Rev. Geo. Riven,
Jacksonville, Illinois.

Dear Brother

I have delayed writing to you from week to week, & day to day, that I might have something definite to say in regard to your journey to the Choctaws. But the rivers are low, & the time for moving in that direction seems not to have come. I am inclined to think that the route via New Orleans & Red River will be the best. If you can ascend to Fort Towson by steam, it will be quite an object.

Mr. H. W. Pitkin, who has been among the Choctaws, proposes to take that route about Dec. 1; that is, he wishes to leave New Orleans at that time. He is at St Louis, & I have written to him (care of J. G. Bissell), suggesting that he defer his trip a little, inasmuch as the river will not probably be full so soon as Dec. 1. Perhaps he will wait. You can write to him on the receipt of this, if you wish, & ascertain his plans.

I think you had better hold yourself in readiness to start as soon as you hear from me. J. H. Heald Esq. of New Orleans will be requested to aid the party; & on arriving in the city you had better report yourself to him, & where you may be found. But more on this point hereafter.

I fear Mr. Olney will go in the ship.

Fraternally yours. S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 14. 1851.

Miss C. A. Fay
Marietta, Ohio.

Dear Miss Fay

Your favor of Nov. 5 reached me this morning. I rejoice that God has given you so much zeal in the missionary work. May He cause his grace to abound to you more & more! It is a blessed work for those who love it, — a blessed work to live in & also to die in! I pray that you may find it so all your days.

Your mission is to receive something of a reinforcement this fall. Three [illegible] Rev. Geo. Pierson to go as a missionary. Those ladies are to be stationed at Wheelock, Good Land & Mt Pleasant. I am trying to get two married laymen, as you will see by the Nov. Herald; but nothing is decided yet. I will now answer your questions.

1. As to money. Mr. Bartlett will supply you, if he is at Marietta; this will be his authority. If there are no funds of the Board in Marietta, you can draw on Mr Hill for what you want. You will have no difficulty in cashing the draft. Mr. Wood, at Cincinnati, can supply you.

2. Your return route. I think Red River is the best way; but it will not be boatable probably till late. Mr Potter (H. W.) expects to go up that river early in Dec. I have written to him to wait as long as he can, so that my ladies can have his company. Whether he will, or not, is uncertain. If he does not wait, I think now that I shall have the ladies at New Orleans, say about Dec. 20, ready to proceed, &c.

I think you will be safe in going to New Orleans, say about Dec. 1, & making your visit there. I expect Mr Pitkin will call on Mr. Heald for a letter from me; & if you leave a note with Mr. Heald for Mr. Pitkin, I presume he will find you. Mr Heald will aid you in any way, I have no doubt. If you write to Mr. Pitkin at St. Louis, care of J. L. Bissell, he may get the letter in season.

I remain, as ever,
affectionately yours
S. B. Treat

Miss Hannah [illegible]
Nov. [illegible] 1857

[illegible]

Dear Sister,

Your letter of Oct. 3 did not reach me till yesterday; perhaps the date should have been Nov. 3. I regret to learn that your health is not firm; but I trust the Lord will grant its restoration, even as he gave it to me. I have found great benefit from increasing the quantity of the meat which I eat, & diminishing the vegetables. It is possible that your dyspepsia is different from mine; & so the remedy should be different. In regard to the items of business in your letter, I will say a few things in reply.

1. It is not necessary that the mission should act in your case. When the proper time comes for deciding the case, if they have all the facts, they can act intelligently without asking the opinion of your brethren.

2. It will be perfectly agreeable to us to have you remain among the Tuscaroras for the present, unless you shall wish otherwise, as we have no person in view for the post. I would not have you take any position which you wish to occupy; & you ought to be perfectly free to make such arrangements as you choose. Still, in the present state of the question, it would give me pleasure to have you remain where you are.

3. In regard to the amount to be allowed you, when you leave your present post, I cannot do

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 14. 1851

Rev. G. Rockwood
Tuscaroras, N.Y.

Dear Brother

Your letter of Oct 3 did not reach me till yesterday; perhaps the date should have been Nov. 3. I regret to learn that your health is not firm; but I trust the Lord will give you restoration, even as he gave it to me. I have found great benefit from increasing the quantity of the meat which I eat, & diminishing the vegetables. It is possible that your dyspepsia is different from mine; & so the remedy should be different. In regard to the items of business in your letter, I will say a few things in reply.

1. It is *not* necessary that the *mission* should act in your case. When the proper time comes for deciding the case, if ~~they~~ the Comee have all the facts, *they* can act definitively, without asking the opinion of your brethren.

2. It will be perfectly agreeable to us to have you remain among the Tuscaroras for the present, unless *you* shall wish to leave, as we have no person in view for the post. I would not have you keep any position which you wish to vacate; & you ought to be perfectly free to make such arrangements as you choose. Still, in the present state of the question, it would give me pleasure to have you remain where you are.

3. In regard to the amount to be allowed you, when you leave your present post, I cannot do

better than [illegible] enclose [illegible] letter to the other New York Indian missions. That will explain the principles on which we act in such cases; & this with the aid of the documents you will better know how to communicate the facts which the Com.ee will wish to know. I trust our principles will commend themselves to your good judgment & Christian feeling.

4. The books which belong to the Tuscarora mission are properly the Board's. Still, if you shall wish to retain a part (or the whole) of them, please to inform me, & I will lay the matter before the Com.ee & I think they will allow you to keep them, if there are not many of them, as I suppose there are not. Will you have the goodness to specify the different works?

5. The Com.ee have not yet acted on the estimates, for want of time. Perhaps they may do so next Tuesday.

I am glad to hear that you have any encouragement in your work. The Lord grant you according to all your hearts' desire!

Please to present my kind regards to Mr Chew & Mr Mt Pleasant. I feel much obliged to them for entering so readily into my plan for interchanging [illegible]; & I am glad to hear that it works well. May our blessed Lord give them a rich reward! The Prud. Com.ee were gratified when I informed them what these brethren had agreed to do.

Christian regards to Mr R., Miss Thayer & the children.

Yours, in the gospel of Christ
S. B. Treat

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Miss. House Boston
Nov 15. 1850.

Rev. S. W. Cheney,
Burlington, V^t

Dear Brother.

Your letter of Nov. 8 I was glad to receive; & I am also glad that you have opened your heart so fully. From what you said to me at Portland, & what Mr. Rankin told me, I had hoped that you were pretty much resolved to devote yourself to the Choctaws. But it is very desirable that you be fully persuaded in your own mind. May the Lord give you wisdom as you need!

[illegible] I sent your letter to Mr. Byington, that he might write to you; inasmuch as his knowledge of matters in the Choctaw nation is much better than mine. His reply I send herewith. I have no doubt you will give such weight to it as it deserves. To several points in your letter I will endeavor to make a specific reply.

1. Support of a missionary. We have but one rule for officers, agents, missionaries, &c. We give to all an economical support, except that we at the Miss. House have something less. My salary is $1000, my pastor's $3000, Dr. Anderson's $1700, on which he does not live. But we mean to give our missionaries a support. We convey them to their field of labor, & back again, if they have reasons for returning. We also furnish a moderate outfit, to enable them to commence their work

you in comfortable circumstances. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] we can do that, we left [illegible] [illegible] of [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] a widow & children, we make a reasonable provision for them, if it be necessary. In a word, we endeavor to place the matter upon a strictly [illegible] basis while we offer no inducements whatever to worldlings, &c. we seek to free the minds of our brethren at rest, in regard to the future trials & contingencies of life. And we find that our provisions are generally satisfactory.

2. Difficulties. &c. You seem to fear out of many other acquisitions of languages & supposed comparative unfruitfulness in the [illegible] service. I will speak of them in order. (a) I think [illegible] of our missionaries are as old as you when they are appointed, & I am sure that we shall have a poor prospect of supplying our missions, if we were confined to [illegible] years. I was the [illegible], & entered the mission after 30, & yet I found [illegible] to master the question of going on a mission. Age was not a difficulty with me, but the fact that I had the care of a family. (b) The Choctaw is not a hard language to master. If this objection is valid in your case, how much more! And also for the heathen! I presume your ability to acquire language is fully equal to that of one half of our missionaries, perhaps more; while more than one half have more difficult tongues to master. (c) I do not doubt your usefulness in this land. But our churches are comparatively well supplied, while the heathen are [illegible] for [illegible] with [illegible] their [illegible]. Their sons & daughters & pagan lands. [illegible] them to the Lord. He will take care of them. There is no doubt on that point. But I believe you will be more useful among the Choctaws than in our churches, if God shall spare

you labor there a few years more & [illegible] [illegible] the same. Look at the missionary in that field. Would they have been more useful in New England? Far from it. The effect of [illegible], [illegible]. But you are begin to preach at more things an interpreter; & you will probably had as many souls to Christ in that way, as you would here. Still I want you to preach ably & fluently in Choctaw, like Mr. Byington, & I think you can do it.

But I will not say more. I trust you will weigh this question [illegible] the Great Teacher, & invoke his aid in solving it. [illegible] [illegible] fully persuaded of the [illegible] of your efforts, [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the sympathies of the well-beloved Son, & you may expect the divine guidance in your inquiries.

Rev. S. H. [illegible] has just written to me in regard to Mr. Clark, of your charge, whose name was commended to him by Mr. [illegible]. He [illegible] [illegible] for the Choctaw mission. Can he be had? If so, where shall I address him?

Affectionately
yours
S. B. Treat
Sec.

Mission House Boston
Nov. 15, 1851

Miss. M. C. Ames
Chicopee, Mass.

Dear Miss A.

In reply to your favor of Nov. 12, I will say (1) that I think you will not leave New York before Dec. 1. Perhaps you will not have occasion to go there at all. My present expectation is, that the ladies going to the Choctaw mission will take the route via Buffalo & Cleveland to Cincinnati, & proceed thence to New Orleans. There they can take a Red River boat, & if favored in the stage of the river, ascend to the Choctaw country. This will be the easiest & cheapest route by far. The water in the western rivers has been low this summer & fall; & I am only waiting for a rise. I think it will be best for you to reach New Orleans, say Dec. 15 – 20. As at present advised, I should be in favor of your leaving these parts about Dec. 5 – 10. But you will hear from me again. (2) If you put on your box, "Miss Maria C. Ames, Mission House 33 Pemberton Square, Boston, Mass." we will see that it is sent forward to the Choctaws. You had better forward it as soon as it is ready, & we will store it, till there is a shipment for the mission. (3) I enclose $20. If you need more for travelling expenses, let me know.

Affectionately yours

S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 15, 1851

Messrs Eldridge, Platt & Stewart
Washington, D.C.

Gent.

I am instructed by the Prud. Comm^ee to address you in relation to the money obtained by you, under the Cherokee treaty of 1835, for the Osage improvements. You remember that it was a condition of the treaty, that this money should be expended for the improvement of the Osages. We have requested one of our Cherokee missionaries to visit the tribe; & the result is, that we do not feel disposed to attempt any thing in this "line of things" at present; whether we shall ever be inclined to resume operations in that direction, is very uncertain.

In these circumstances the Com^ee do not feel quite satisfied with the way in which the question i left. The money now stands as a charge against us, f which we are duly reminded every quarter. What can be done to put the matter in a comfortable shape? If the War Department, knowing all the facts, will the money in our hands, with the understanding we will expend it for the Osages whenever it can done wisely, & will wipe off this charge from their books, hall be satisfied. But if this cannot be done, is there other mode of securing the result? Can we be ed to expend the money for the Cherokees? This we are willing to do; & the same was released under a Cherokee treaty.

The Comtee are anxious to have this question put in a better shape now; as the facts are all fresh in our minds, & we do not wish to pass on knotty problems to our successors. Let us hear from you at your convenience.

Very respectfully
Yours
S. B. Treat
Sec. A.B.C.F.M.

Miſs. House, Boston
Nov. 17, 1851.

Rev. Wm. Barrows,
Grantville, Ms.

Rev. & Dear Sir

Mr. R. E. Pullen's name has been mentioned to me, in connection with two places among the Choctaws which we wish to fill. We need a steward at Stockbridge, who has the ability to conduct meetings, &c. & also a teacher in another district, who can commence a station, acquire the language, & grow into a preacher. Is Mr Pullen the man for either post, especially the latter?

If you shall be in the city this week, I should like to converse with you on this subject; if not, will you drop me a line? His wife, I am told, is a Baptist. Would she be likely to make any trouble? Has she good qualifications for such a place?

If you are coming to the city, please inform me when you will be at the Miſs. House, & I will certainly meet you. (D. V.)

Respectfully yours.

S. B. Treat

Mis. House Boston
Nov. 17, 1850

Rev. S. R. Riggs
[illegible]

Dear Brother

We are making out the Indian appropriations, & I should be glad to have a little light on one or two items pertaining to your mission.

1. Upon what terms are the Smithsonian Institute to print the Dictionary? Will the $500 once voted by the Com. be needed, or any part thereof?

2. Can you state the probable amount of your expenses to the East, in addition to salary, coming & going. The mission have put down the item, but left it blank in the accompanying est.

3. Can you state the probable amount of the Proof expenses? Please give us a guess.

When shall we see you in Boston?

Fraternally
yours

S. B. Treat

Miss. Rooms. Boston
Nov. 18. 1851.

To the Cherokee Mission

Dear Brethren

I have been waiting some time to acknowledge the different letters which I have received from you, in the hope of having more cheering intelligence to communicate in regard to a reinforcement. As yet, however, I have obtained no preacher of the gospel to join you; & I am sorry to say that I have no good prospect of securing one. My conscience does not charge me with indifference or neglect in this case; & I know that I have tried more to obtain a man for Fairfield than I have to accomplish any thing else of the kind in all my life. But I will not give up till after further effort. Three young ladies, Miss [illegible] H. Hall, Miss Jerusha E. Swain, & Miss Julia F. Stone will proceed to Park Hill, Dwight & Lee's Creek, as soon as the rivers shall be high enough.

The minutes of your meeting at Park Hill in Aug. have been duly received, as also your letter of Aug. 4, which you will have seen in the Oct. Herald. Your letter of Aug. 6. came to hand Oct. 7 & has been read with care & interest. I am glad to be set right as to all matters of fact which I have misapprehended; but I do not suppose you expect any formal reply. I shall keep the letter in mind hereafter.

The minutes of your Sept. meeting at Lee's Creek have also been received & perused with attention. Your letter of Sept 12. you will have seen in print.

I regret that the difficulty [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] has not been satisfactorily adjusted. [illegible] at times thought of conferring with the [illegible] in Boston, [illegible] [illegible] any thing would come of it. Perhaps the [illegible] difficulty is [illegible] a [illegible]. [illegible], however, in a [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].

Dear Brother.

I shall probably address you again in a few days. [illegible] [illegible] I have received your favor of Nov. 14, & my wife read & pleased [illegible]. I have time today but a few words; hence [illegible].

1. If you suffer loss in your removal, [illegible] of injuries done to your property, tell us how much [illegible] will make it good. We always expect to do this in such cases.

2. Repairs that are needful to put your domicil in good order, or at least make it comfortable, had better be made at once. A "shabby" house does no credit to any body.

3. There is no objection to paying Mr. Bliss immediately for what you have bought of him. You can either get the money of Mr. Crocker at Buffalo, or draw on Mr. Hill or Mr. Greene.

4. If you & Bro. Wright think a wagon necessary, purchase it. Buy an old one or a new one, as may seem best.

I suppose you understand the system prevailing in your mission in regard to support. You will have $400; & if your daughters teach, they can receive what is now paid to instructors; though if they are appointed assistant missionaries, they would be placed upon the missionary basis. I think you had better send me a statement of what you need (1), to cover any loss you may have received, (2) to make your premises respectable & comfortable, (3) to give you a proper setting out, including the wagon, & anything else to put you on a fair footing & have a grant made by the Comee. Affectionately yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House, Boston,
Nov. 22. 1851

Rev. A. Gleason,
N. Y. Indians.

Dear Brother.

I was very glad to receive your favor of Nov. 14; & my wife was pleased to hear from you. I have time to say but a few words; hence excuse my brevity.

1. If you suffer loss in your removal, by reason of injuries done to your property, tell us how much it is, & we will make it good. We always expect to do this in such cases.
2. Repairs that are needful to put your domicil in good order, or at least make it comfortable, had better be made at once. A "shackling" house does no credit to any body.
3. There is no objection to paying Mr. Bliss immediately for what you have bought of him. You can either get the money of Mr. Crocker at Buffalo, or draw on Mr. Hill or Mr. Merrow.
4. If you & Bro. Wright think a waggon necessary, purchase it. Buy an old one or a new one, as may seem best.

I suppose you understand the system prevailing in your mission in regard to support. You will have $400; & if your daughters teach, they can receive what is now paid to instructors; though if they are appointed assistant missionaries, they shall be placed upon the missionary basis. I think you had better send me a statement of what you need (1) to cover any loss you may have received, (2) to make your premises respectable & comfortable, (3) to give you a proper setting out, including the waggon, & any thing else to put you on a fair footing. I will have a grant made by the Comm^ee. Affectionately yours S. B. Treat

Miss. House Boston
Nov. 22.

Dear Miss Hall

I have this moment received your favor of Nov. 20, & hasten to reply.

1. I shall endeavor to give you about a weeks notice of the time of your departure. I am waiting for the [illegible]. I think you will not go before Dec. 8, perhaps not so soon.

2. The Cherokee climate is warmer than ours; & I [illegible] not a feather bed there. Tastes in this respect, however, sometimes differ. I presume Mr. Worcester [illegible] furnish you a bed; & I am sure you will have no difficulty in [illegible] something to lie on that will be agreeable. Still, if you wish to have your bed sent, we will forward it with pleasure. Direct to yourself, "Miss House, 33 Pemberton Sq. Boston".

3. I do not know how far you will find such books as you may wish to use at Mr. Worcesters. I presume they are pretty well supplied with books, as they are an intelligent family. I should advise you to take such books as you have, & such as you may wish to use for a year or so, & send for others as you shall want them. If you will send me a list of such as you wish to purchase, I will see that they are procured.

4. In regard to the locality of the school, I will say (1) [illegible] ; (2) Mr. Worcester

is quite earnest that a teacher be sent. (3) We have a school at all the stations, & though they do not accomplish as much as we could wish, we think them desirable.

As to the national schools, they are intended for more advanced pupils. They are, boarding-schools, moreover, & open to all in the nation on certain conditions. Other schools are needed as a feeders to these. The common schools of the Cherokees do not supersede the necessity for our schools, as you will see in due time.

The young lady who goes to Dwight's is Miss Jemima E. Swain, Windsor, Vt. Miss Julia F. Stone, of Marietta, Ohio, has been appointed to Lees Creek. To the Choctaws we send 3 young ladies: Miss Bigelow, Brattleboro, Mass, Miss. Arms, & Miss McCormic, of Grafton, N. H.

I remain, as ever,
very sincerely
yours
S. B. Treat.

Miss. House, Boston
Nov. 25, 1851

Miss H. McCormic,
Grafton, Vt.

Dear Miss McC

Your favor of Nov. 22. I have just received. To the several topics by you presented, I will reply as follows.

1. The time of your departure will not be before Dec. 20th, perhaps not till a week later. It is not desirable to anticipate the rise of the river. You can visit Coxsackie without any difficulty. Please to keep me advised of your P. O. address.

2. The bureau may be sent to your address, "Miss. House, 33 Pemb. Sqr. Boston. We will see it forwarded. It can be sent at any time; there is no special haste.

3. You do not inform me whether you wish any further aid from us in the matter of outfit. If you do, we will render it with great pleasure.

Affectionately
& sincerely
Yours
S. B. Treat

Mis. House, Boston
Nov. 25, 1858

Rev. I. P. Worcester
Auburndale, Ms

Dear Brother

I wrote to Rev. Mr. Barrows last week in regard to Mr. Pullen; but I have heard nothing from him. Hence I must ask you to make some inquiries as to his qualifications. Will he make a good steward at Stockbridge? Can he conduct meetings? What sort of a wife has he? Inquire as to health &c.

I send herewith Mr. Newcomb's letter, which I will thank you to return. If the case seems to be clear, you may propose the matter to him for his consideration, & ask him to visit me. I had better know the time of his coming, that I may be sure to see him.

Yours
very truly

S. B. Treat